

**COMMENT OF  
THE DAY**

**A Question Of  
Inflexibility**

MORE than once in the past we have complained about the inflexibility of the policy which governs Radio Hongkong programmes. The complaint is now repeated.

Yesterday lunchtime provided a classic example of the rigidity which encompasses the enforcement of programmes selected at least a week before they are due to go on the air. And that rigidity tolerates nothing in the way of new circumstances, neither does it permit consideration for listeners' interests.

Whether the programme controllers of Radio Hongkong realise it or not, the cricket Test series has a wide appeal among listeners. And when the state of play has reached such a dramatic pitch as at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, it should not, if the radio service is intelligently directed, be made subordinate to an ordinary, everyday programme such as a 20-minute "Afternoon Concert."

When the listener, who is aware that England require 94 runs to win the fourth Test, is blandly told by an announcer that the score is 10 runs for the loss of two wickets, and then is informed that the "Afternoon Concert" follows immediately, he is entitled to feel aggrieved.

EVEN when there is no Test cricket being played, it is doubtful whether the number of listeners to concert music at 1.30 in the afternoon is very great. When there is a counter-attraction such as Test cricket, the number interested in hearing music, we are certain, considerably diminishes.

There was, therefore, no acceptable excuse for Radio Hongkong already tuned in to the Test commentary, deciding to ignore a highly dramatic and intensely entertaining (from the listening point of view) part of the cricket in order to stick to its advertised "Afternoon Concert" programme.

This is not giving the public the service rightfully theirs. The most anti-cricket listeners cannot claim that Radio Hongkong overdoes its Test match coverage, and we will wager that not a single voice of protest would have been heard from listeners if the station had decided because of the drama of the situation at Adelaide yesterday lunchtime to replace the advertised musical concert with an additional relay of the Test commentary.

The blunder may be forgiven and forgotten, but what listeners have a right to know is whether this policy of inflexibility pertaining to advertised programmes is to be perpetuated by Radio Hongkong.

It is a policy which reflects on the progressive-mindedness of those responsible. It can irritate and also undermine the goodwill of the public towards the station. Any policy which has the effect of ignoring the demands of the moment, and does not permit of any last-minute changes in advertised programmes to cater for those contingencies, is deficient as a public service.

**NEW POLITICAL STATUS  
FOR COLONIES PROPOSED**

**DEATH OF  
MR W.  
KAY**

**PROMINENT HK  
EDUCATIONIST**

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn of the death yesterday in Bournemouth of Mr William (Jack) Kay, a prominent and esteemed member of the Education Department in pre-war days, and officer in charge of the Government Relief Section during the first year of the Colony's liberation from the Japanese.

The late Mr Kay came to Hongkong in September, 1913, to join the teaching staff of Queen's College.

Subsequently he became headmaster of Salingpoo, Wanchai and Ellis Kadoorie Schools, and ultimately headmaster of King's College.

In 1937 he acted as Director of Education.

He was affectionately known to his Chinese friends and thousands of his old pupils as Kay Wai-lum.

He resuscitated the Queen's College magazine Yellow Dragon and novel of his contributions of light verse were published in two books, A Domino's Doggerel, and Kayotic Rhymes.

It was largely due to his efforts that the Queen's College Old Boys' Association came to life in 1920.



The late Mr Kay

A stalwart of the local St Andrew's Society, Mr Kay was one of its most popular chiefs.

Mr Kay retired for the first time in March 1939.

During the last war he was at first an officer in the Home Guard, but later became Welfare Officer at aerodromes under construction, spending three gruelling winters in some of the stormiest parts of Britain—the Hebrides, North Shetland and Ross and Cromarty.

In 1945 at the request of the Government Mr Kay returned to Hongkong on September 11, exactly 32 years after he first set foot in the Colony. With the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he took charge of the STI (Relief) Branch of the Civil Affairs Administration and rendered yeoman service in helping many people back on their feet. So great was the appreciation of his relief work to people of all nationalities and communities that a request was made to the SCM Post to publish his photograph when the news of his second retirement was announced.

Mr Kay left Hongkong on July 6, 1948.

**"Grand Council"  
Affiliation With The  
United Kingdom**

London, Feb. 2.

Lord Ogmore, a Labour peer, called for a new relationship between Britain and the British colonies during a debate on colonial affairs in The House of Lords today.

He favoured a "Grand Council"—a federal body for the United Kingdom and all the colonial territories which desired to join it.

The Council would control defence, foreign affairs, foreign services and common economic matters. It would, he suggested, obviate the difficulties now being experienced by the government over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

**INVITATION TO DEBATE**

**UN Still Awaits  
Peking Reply**

New York, Feb. 2.

The Chinese Communist reply to the United Nations invitation to send a representative to ceasefire talks in the Security Council was still awaited at UN headquarters today.

Considerable interest was aroused by a press report from Peking that Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, had already drafted the reply, but UN officials and key delegations said they had no knowledge of it having been received.

**International  
Police Probe  
Mystery**

Boulogne, Feb. 2.

The mysterious death of two British subjects who died one here and the other in Barcelona last Thursday from overdose of sleeping tablets had the international police scratching their heads today.

The police said the pair, 55-year-old Hungarian-born Samuel Braun and 48-year-old Britisher Ernest Westler landed together at Calais near here on Jan. 23.

They said that Braun registered at a hotel here and was found dead from an overdose of sleeping tablets 48 hours later, while Westler immediately caught the train for Barcelona where he reportedly died in a boarding house the same day and under same conditions as his companion after giving the same non-existent address in New Street.

The international police, who are conducting a parallel investigation here and in Barcelona on the two strange deaths which occurred almost simultaneously 600 miles apart, said the disappearance of Braun's passport adds even more intrigue to the case.

Meanwhile, Braun's funeral, which was to have been held today, was delayed 24 hours at the request of a London friend, Dr Friedl, who wants to attend the service.—France-Press.

The prevailing feeling was that Mr Chou would probably try to set conditions for the attendance of Peking representatives at the Security Council debate, but that the Chinese Communists would eventually accept the invitation.

It is expected that they will intimate their intention of coming to New York to discuss not only the New Zealand proposal that the Council take up the question of a ceasefire but also the Soviet item charging United States with aggression and calling for the withdrawal of American forces from the Far East.

The Council decided last Monday that the New Zealand proposal should be discussed and disposed of first before the Soviet allegations were taken up.

But experienced Council members do not have any great hope of being able to confine debate strictly to the New Zealand item.

With this in mind it is unlikely that the West will stick grimly to the letter of the Council's decision. It is expected that some method will be found to gloss over the difficulty should Mr Chou insist that the New Zealand and Soviet items be discussed simultaneously.

But the Western powers will not entertain a full-scale debate on problems such as Chinese representation in the United Nations and the status of Formosa and the Pescadores. British sources said that the British delegation would insist on confining the discussion to the coastal islands.—Reuters.

**UNDERGRAD'S  
ENTERPRISE**

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 2. A young Yale undergraduate is piling up a small fortune by selling suits here which he has made up for him in Hongkong from British fabrics.

Reason for the brisk business is that the student, 19-year-old Shelby Tucker, can sell the suits for about half what they would cost if they were made here because of the comparatively low cost of labour in Hongkong.

After taking a customer's measurements, Tucker skims the order to a tailor in Hongkong and gets the suit in about three to four weeks.—Reuters.

Lord Ogmore, as David Rees-Williams, was Under-Secretary for the Colonies in the Labour Government.

Lord Lloyd, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, said a Grand Council would have to be either consultative or executive.

If purely advisory, they could not put parliament into a position of having to accept its advice.

If executive, it might clash with parliament and the cherished pride which colonial people were taking in their political institutions.

Lord Lloyd said the difficulties involved need not be insuperable if the Grand Council proved to be what the territories would like to have.

"It is not difficult to work out a paper scheme of what we all regard as a nice tidy arrangement," he said. "But the important thing is that it would be acceptable to and if possible, positively desired by the territories."

"If it were not, we might be creating an artificial organ which might be a disruptive instead of a unifying influence."

**MUST SAVE MALAYA**

Lord Ogmore, who initiated the debate, referred to reports of a big concentration of Communists with barracks, training grounds and many other facilities needed by armies just north of the frontier of Malaya and the road between Malaya and Bangkok.

He asked if Britain and the United States would stabilise Malaya's economy when the new government came into being, not only by giving military and technical help, but also by securing a proper long-term marketing arrangement for tin and rubber.

"Malaya is our last chance in Southeast Asia," he said. "If Malaya goes Communist, you can roll up the map of democracy in Asia, particularly in Southeast Asia."

"In these matters, they must federate or disintegrate."—Reuters.

**Chiefs Of Staff  
In Dispute**

Washington, Feb. 2.

A showdown was imminent today in the light between US Army Chief of Staff General Matthew Ridgway and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Arthur Hoadford over a projected 320,000-manpower cut in the US ground forces.

Gen. Ridgway, who is backed by the Democratic majority in the Congress, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that the proposed "new look" in the armed forces would jeopardise national defence.

A lively debate on the military "new look" is expected soon in Congress.—France-Press.

**Coronation Costs**

London, Feb. 2.

Government expenses for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in June 1953 totalled £1,121,800, it was disclosed today.

The Civil Appropriation Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1954, said the amount was £284,191 less than the figure granted by Parliament for the ceremony.—China Mail Special.

**SUICIDE ATTEMPT IN VOLCANO**



Crouched in the foreground of this picture is Satoru Takayanagi, a young Japanese. His fiancée, Setsumi Endo is on the stretcher behind. They travelled from Tokyo to the island of Oshima, a famed "suicide spot" and climbed to the edge of Mount Miharai, a volcano. Hours later cries for help were heard and volunteers climbed down 600 ft. into the volcano to find the couple lying on a ledge, which broke their fall. They were brought out—he was injured, but she had a smashed ankle and many bruises. The rescue team were in need of first aid, owing to the heavy sulphur fumes they had inhaled.—London Express.

**Churchill Predicts  
Hydrogen & Atom  
Bomb Equality**

London, Feb. 2.

Sir Winston Churchill told other Commonwealth Prime Ministers here today he believed Russia would have hydrogen and atom bomb equality with the West within a few years.

The Prime Minister was analysing the risks of an atomic war on the third day of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' week-long conference here on international affairs.

He told his fellow statesmen at the secret talks that had it not been for America's mastery in nuclear power the free world would have been overrun.

But he predicted that when both sides were equal in atomic power—with all that implied—there might be a chance of reaching a lasting East-West understanding.

A dissenting voice in the atomic discussion was that of Mr Jawaharlal Nehru of India, who argued that manufacture of both hydrogen and atom bombs should stop.

Later today all the statesmen, except Mr Nehru and Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon, discussed Middle East defence in the light of Britain's decision to withdraw her 70,000-strong garrison from Egypt.

**BEHIND THE SCENES**

Conference spokesmen said the discussion was in general terms and none of the Prime Ministers went into detail in their views on the eventual redeployment of the British troops.

Behind the scenes of the conference there was a new move aimed to ease the tension on the Formosa crisis.

Mr Nehru met Indonesia's London Ambassador, Mr Supomo, whose government, it was learned, wants the "Colombo Powers"—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia—to tackle the Formosa problem.

Mr Supomo later saw Sir John Kotelawala and the Burmese Charge d'Affaires in Britain and will tomorrow meet Mr Mohammed Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The Indonesian plan is secret, but its starting point is believed to be a special Formosa conference of the Colombo Powers.—Reuters.

**Mrs Wheeler  
Leaves Gaol**

London, Feb. 2.

Lord Vivian, 48-year-old theatrical impresario, met Mrs Maylis Wheeler when she left prison today after serving a term for wounding him in a shooting incident last October.

Mrs Wheeler, 39, earned her maximum remission for good conduct on her six months' sentence at a women's prison without bars, on the northern outskirts of London.

The poor met her in his car a few miles from the gaol. Later at a London flat he said: "We are completely devoted."

She added: "That is completely true."

Lord Vivian left a London nursing home recently after the second of two operations following the shooting. He has visited Mrs Wheeler in prison on several occasions.—China Mail Special.

**Channel  
Tunnel Plan  
Rejected**

London, Feb. 3.

The construction of a Channel tunnel linking England and France was rejected by Mr Hugh Molson, Joint Under-Secretary, Ministry of Transport, in the House of Commons last night as uneconomic.

He said the tunnel would cost about £85 million to build and it was unlikely that it would bring in revenue sufficient to cover such capital investment.

Mr Molson said his Ministry had investigated the project in the last four months.

The tunnel would be unlikely to be of great value to travellers from the point of view of comfort or cheapness. Nor would it be useful for the export or import of most classes of goods.

In modern warfare, it would be too vulnerable to be relied on for the movement of troops.—China Mail Special.

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**ALLEGED BRIBERY BY HK LOBBY**

Manila, Feb. 3. The Lower House instructed the Committee on Privileges last night to investigate an alleged US\$1,000,000 bribery of eight Congressmen by a Hongkong lobby interested in repeal of the retail trade Filipinization law.

The bribery story appeared in one of the local sensational weeklies.

The resolution instructing the Privileges Committee to start an immediate investigation was approved by the Lower House.

The author of the resolution, Congressman Seranilaco Ortega, said that the committee depending on its findings could either demand for disciplinary action against those Congressmen involved in the alleged bribery or take the bill to court.

for filed in the event that the story had no basis.

The report in the weekly said that six Nacionalista and two Democratic Congressmen who returned from Hongkong recently pledged their support for amendment of the retail trade Filipinization law to the Chinese lobby for which the Congressmen were alleged to have been paid about US\$1,000,000.—France-Press.



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## ATOMIC NAVY POWER



After about six hours of fishing from a boat in the snow. Mr. L. Rose, of Methil, seen with a 24-pdr. he landed during the opening day of the Tay Salmon Rod Fishing season on the River Tay and Loch Tay, Perthshire. — Central Press Photo.

## Prime Ministers Entertained By The Queen

London, Feb. 2.

Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh entertained the eight Commonwealth Prime Ministers at a glittering dinner party in the State dining room of Buckingham Palace tonight.

The Queen sat at the centre of the long, gaily-decorated table, facing the Duke of Edinburgh, with the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, on her right and the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, on her left.

## Boys' Death Struggles With Crocodiles

Singapore, Feb. 2.

Two boys fought desperate life-and-death struggles with crocodiles and in each instance the boys triumphed over the river killers.

In Borneo, a twelve-year-old boy, named Sulaiman, was lying on a raft in the river when a crocodile seized his left arm and pulled him into the shallow water.

The boy fought unavailingly and was being dragged into deep water when he remembered the crocodile's weakest spot—his eyes. He jabbed the crocodile's eyes out with his right hand. The blinded crocodile released his arm, and the boy struggled ashore safely, though he suffered deep cuts and gashes in the fight.

### SET TRAP

In Batu Pahat, Johore, an 18-year-old village boy set a trap for a killer crocodile which had eaten a baby the week before. He baited the trap with a poisoned fowl, and waited patiently beside the river for a day and a night.

The crocodile took the bait and came to the surface, appearing rather dazed. The boy plunged a spear into its nose and called to his friends. They dragged the crocodile ashore and measured it; it was 17-feet long—the largest crocodile killed in Malaya in postwar years. — France-Press.

## MOUSE MASCOT KILLED

Requena, Spain, Feb. 2. A white mouse, the mascot of the Requena radio station, has been killed by order of the station manager because it might cause women announcers to shriek, according to the El Financiero.

The station engineer, too, felt that the mouse might throw a trick and upset the day's programme during the racing trials the station's switchboard. — China Mail Special.

## Ultimate Deterrent To Aggression MOBILE SEA BASES

Washington, Feb. 2.

Mr. James Smith, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, asserted today that naval power, organised for atomic warfare, could become "the ultimate deterrent" to inter-continental aggression.

He said naval power of the future would be embodied in "mobile sea bases" equipped with a variety of weapons capable of striking an enemy at home at a distance of 1,500 miles or more.

United States naval doctrine for the era of inter-continental missiles and a profusion of atomic weapons was set forth by Mr. Smith in an article published in the current issue of U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings. This is a professional magazine published unofficially but with high naval officers on the Board of Control.

### SPECIAL QUALITY

The Navy official said the special quality of mobility made the Navy still a vital factor in national defence in the atomic age.

He contended that potential enemies would eventually develop long-range weapons of sufficient power to knock out U.S. aid bases abroad and "also make even our immovable home bases vulnerable to sudden overwhelming attacks which could prevent our counter-attack."

On the other hand sea bases can be readily decentralised and scattered and their location

cannot be predicted by the enemy," he added.

Even long-range missiles, such as those developed from German V-1 and V-2 types, could not be used effectively against moving targets, he continued.

"For maximum assurance against a surprise attack, at least part of the United States' counter-attack potential must be decentralised and dispersed far and wide on moving bases. This might be called an ultimate or an additional deterrent, supplementing our fixed-base striking forces. In any event it is so important that if we did not have mobile sea bases we should be forced to invent them."

### CARRIER ALONE

Mr. Smith said a mobile sea base could consist of a carrier alone, a submarine from which aircraft or missiles could be launched "or simply the sea itself from which seaplanes supplied by mobile tenders operate against the target."

He envisioned the future carrier task force as a dozen large, fast ships spread out over an area about 200 miles across. It would consist of about three carriers, seven guided missile cruisers and two high-speed resupply ships.

"It would be so widely dispersed that no single weapon, of any size now visualised, can seriously damage more than one ship," wrote Mr. Smith.

"Such a force would pack a very great offensive punch. It would include aircraft able to deliver large yield weapons under all weather conditions against every base 1,500 or more miles distant. It would have smaller, supersonic aircraft, each able to deliver in the medium ranges a weapon large enough to knock out an opposing air base or missile site...."

### TIGHT CONTROL

"These forces would be self-sustaining for some 30 days of operations.... In the dispersion of the force's ships and the range of its weapons, such a carrier force could exert a tight and exclusive control over an area of 60,000 square miles....

With perhaps a half a dozen seaplanes, a single tender and a pair of logistic submarines, an integrated force could be provided that an enemy could not ignore," declared Mr. Smith.

"Once nuclear propulsion can be fitted to the seaplanes—and for this they appear ideally suited—the submarines could be dispersed with and the tender base moved still farther back out of attack range." — United Press.

## Reds Claim A-Powered Robot

Paris, Feb. 2.

An atom-powered robot machine has been used in Russia to automatically direct some technical jobs in industry, a Soviet scientist told Russia's Academy of Sciences in a speech reported by the Soviet Tass News Agency today.

The scientist, whose name was given as Topchev, reportedly told the general meeting of the Academy which was held here today that "atomic bombardments" are being used in some branches of Soviet medicine and biology.

Topchev, who is a member of the Academy, also said two atom-powered electric stations, one industrial and the other experimental, are now operating in the Soviet Union. — France-Press.

Wellington, N.Z. Feb. 2.

Passengers and crew of a railler which caught fire while climbing a long gradient in the Hawkes Bay district of North Island, helped to put out the fire with water bailed from nearby puddles.

The halt held up traffic for an hour. Passengers continued their journey by bus. — China Mail Special.

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## West European Union Approve Formation

Paris, Feb. 2.

The conference dealing with the standardisation and supply of arms for the seven nations of the Western European Union — Great Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries — today agreed to set up a common arms agency on a functional rather than a supra-national basis.

It decided that this agency should be (1) maintained on a seven-nation basis and (2) based on co-operation between the governments and competition between the national armaments industries.

At the suggestion of the German delegation, the conference appointed a sub-working group to examine the technical details of how standardisation and co-ordination in the supply of arms can best be worked out in practice. This subgroup starts its work tomorrow and will report to a full meeting in about a fortnight's time.

The British delegation also submitted a working memorandum which conference sources said stresses that the Western European Union nations should co-ordinate their arms production on a technical and functional basis, rather than in terms of a supra-nationally controlled organisation.

### FRENCH REQUEST

The conference was originally called at the request of France, which submitted a working plan on January 17 in which stress was laid on the proposed production agency being given a supra-national character.

But a French Foreign Office spokesman tonight pointed out that the French memorandum

### Collins Returning To Indo-China

Washington, Feb. 2. Gen. J. Lawton Collins will leave tomorrow for Saigon, it was announced here tonight.

Gen. Collins yesterday gave evidence to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

His report on South Vietnam was optimistic. He is expected in Saigon on February 8, but it has not yet been decided as to how long he will stay in Indo-China. — France-Press.

## 31 KILLED IN TORNADOES

Memphis, Feb. 2. Thirty-one people were killed and 100 others injured as the result of tornadoes which ravaged the Mississippi towns of Commerce, Landing, and Olive Branch last night. It was reported here today.

A daylong snowstorm snarled New York City's already traffic-jammed streets and emergency snowplough crews were put on 24-hour duty to clear the slush before it could turn to ice.

Between three and five inches of snow fell on the city and the temperature was expected to fall to between five and 10 degrees during the night. Driving conditions were hazardous throughout the metropolitan area.

Trains were running nearly two hours late into the city and rush hour commuters were delayed getting to their homes. — France-Press and United Press.

## FAILURE OF BAGDAD MISSION

London, Feb. 2.

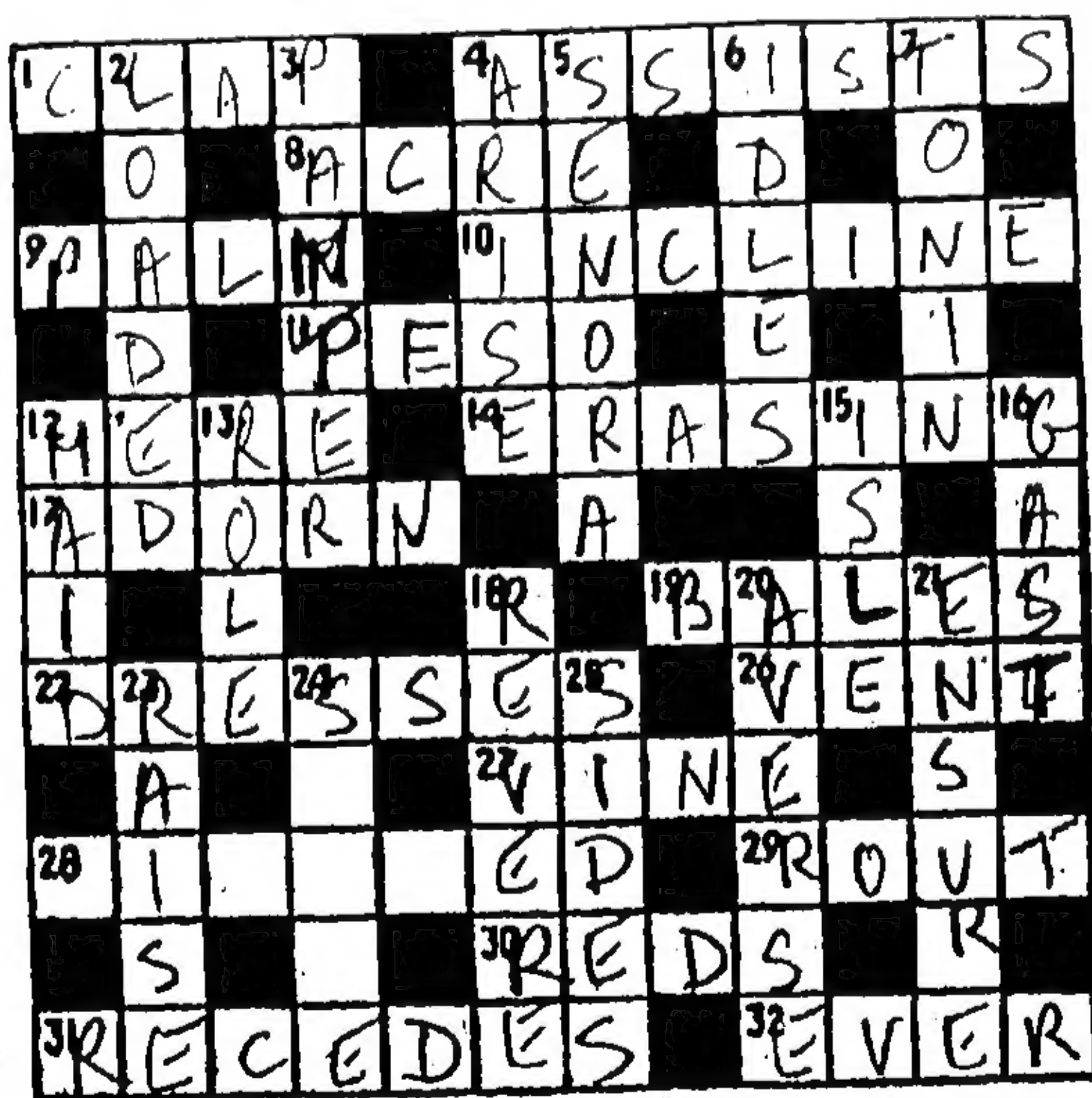
The Arab League mission to Bagdad to settle the dispute between Egypt and Iraq over the proposed pact between Iraq and Turkey.

But a joint communiqué issued in Bagdad said General Nuri al Said the Iraqi Prime Minister, agreed to a proposal being put to the Arab League conference that he and Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, should meet in Beirut.

Earlier today Colonel Nasser threatened in Cairo to quit the Arab League collective security pact if Iraq signed the pact with Turkey. He proposed a new alliance for Arab states "who are not involved in any foreign pact."

Lebanese Foreign Ministry sources said in Beirut that the Lebanese Prime Minister, Sami Bey el Solh, who headed the Bagdad mission, had reported that Iraq had not changed her mind on the pact and had decided to ratify it before February 20. — Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Applaud (4).
- Holps (7).
- Land measure (4).
- Tropical tree (4).
- Slope (7).
- Foreign coin (4).
- Lake (4).
- Rubbing out (7).
- Bedeck (5).
- Bundles (5).
- Gowns (7).
- Opening (4).
- Climbing plant (4).
- Restricted (7).
- Put to flight (4).
- Communism (4).
- Withdraws (7).
- Always (4).

### DOWN

- Burdened (6).
- Coddle (6).
- Get up (5).
- Spanish lady (6).
- Loafs (5).
- Kind of saw (5).
- Girl (4).
- Actor's part (4).
- Small island (4).
- Blind of wind (4).
- Venerable (6).
- Disinclined (6).
- Make certain (6).
- Elevate (6).
- Backbone (5).
- Tea (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Peruse, 5 Court, 8 Altar, 9 Oblige, 10 Rally, 11 Emmet, 12 Oval, 13 Force, 14 Endure, 15 Lull, 16 Spent, 17 Toll, 18 Seize, 19 Nadie, 20 Elated, 21 Goose, 22 Bound, 23 Swarms, 24 Drowsy, 25 Prolong, 26 Reliable, 27 Sage, 28 Element, 29 Reporter, 30 Explores, 31 Entered, 32 Digress, 33 Ensign, 34 Pismo, 35 Slave.



## Princess Margaret Preparing For Trinidad Carnival

Port of Spain, Feb. 2.

Princess Margaret enjoyed a quiet lazy day here today before embarking on the first engagements of her tour of the British West Indies.

Rested after her long flight across the Atlantic, she took advantage of Trinidad's sunshine and blue sky to go for a swim this afternoon in the pool at Government House.

The weather was kind. She awoke to grey overcast skies in the luxurious Prince of Wales suite of Government House, but the sun broke through later in the day.

It promised to stay for the first item on the Royal Programme, a garden party in the lawn outside the Princess's window. It will be followed by a gay carnival with calypso and dancing and a fireworks display.

### EXPLORING

The Princess and her Ladies-in-Waiting spent their free time exploring surroundings and getting used to the change in the weather. Acclimatizing was made easier by the mild spring-like weather they left behind in London on Monday.

Princess Margaret herself slept on a wooden carved bed with drapes in turquoise satin brocade, patterned with white stars.

Adjoining the cream bedroom is a boudoir with a fine cut-glass chandelier and furniture upholstered in chintz decorated with a flower motif. There is also a bedroom in pale blue and green and pink and green fittings.

Princess Margaret had fruit juice, China tea and toast for breakfast. The 110,000 people of Port of Spain chatted excitedly about the Royal visitor.

All day long in odd corners of Port of Spain calypso singers, dancers and musicians practised hard for tonight's carnival show.

Most of the music came from the "Inlander"—the name given

## Man From U.K. Colonial Office

COL. W. A. MULLER, Colonial Office Inspector - General of Police in Singapore on a routine inspection tour. He is expected to be in Singapore for 10 days, after which he will visit the Federation. Then he will proceed to Hongkong.

A platoon of Gurkhas formed a guard of honour when he visited the Police Training School, Thomson Road, Singapore.

Col. Muller was met by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. N. G. Morris. The acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. W. J. Parks, and Assistant Commissioners Messrs. A. E. G. Blakes, R. W. Calderwood, A. E. Anderson and G. W. Jackson were also present. — Straits Times.

## German-Danish Minorities Issue May Be Solved

Bonn, Feb. 2.

West Germany today suggested negotiations with Denmark "in the near future" on the rights of minorities on both sides of the German-Danish border—a burning issue between the two countries since the end of the first world war.

The West German Charge of Affairs, Herr Carl von Holten, handed the proposal to Danish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. H. C. Hansen, it was announced here.

Since 1920, when a plebiscite resulted in northern Schleswig being incorporated in Denmark and the southern part remaining in Germany, the minorities have been an issue between the two countries.

There are about 100,000 of Danish descent in the German province of Schleswig-Holstein. The German minority in Denmark numbers about 10,000. — Reuter.

## Serge Rubinstein Leaves Money To Two Women

New York, Feb. 2.

Serge Rubinstein, murdered millionaire, left \$10,000 each to two women friends in addition to providing for a secretary, his mother and two children, his will disclosed today.

The women friends were listed as Miss Mary Payne of Paris, and Miss Betty Root of Manhattan, a frequent companion of Rubinstein at New York's night clubs.

He left \$4,000 to Miss Billie Kane, his secretary. The international financier, strangled in his Fifth Avenue mansion, last Thursday provided \$500 a month each for his daughter, Diana, 8 and Alastair, 7, his stipulated that they were not to receive the principal of his estate until they are 30 years old.

For his mother, Mrs. Stella Rubinstein, 78, he provided \$1,000 a month until her death. The will was signed last week and is being investigated today by police.

## PREMIERS REVIEW MIDDLE EAST DEFENCE PLANS

London, Feb. 2.

Commonwealth Prime Ministers and their military advisers today reviewed the new Middle East defence situation following Britain's impending withdrawal from Egypt.

All the Commonwealth statesmen attended except Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru of India and Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon.

Mr. Harold MacMillan, the British Defence Minister, outlined Britain's plan for re-deploying her 70,000 troops in the Middle East—all of whom are due to leave the Suez Canal by next year.

### CYPRUS HEADQUARTERS

The Mediterranean island of Cyprus is rapidly becoming the headquarters of Britain's Middle East military organisation.

Conference sources said the review by the statesmen of Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland—was in "general terms."

After Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. MacMillan had spoken on the defence problems of the area, each of the three British Service Chiefs-of-Staff gave an appreciation of the Navy, Army and Air Force strategy.

Mr. R. G. Menzies of Australia, Mr. Sidney Holland of New Zealand, and Mr. Charles Swart, Deputy Prime Minister of South Africa, stressed the concern of their respective countries in Middle East defence. — Reuter.

## Divorce Ruling In Rhodesia

Lusaka, N.

Rhodesia, Feb. 2. Desecration, cruelty and insanity are no longer grounds for divorce in Northern Rhodesia, and even adultery by a husband may not be a High Court Judge ruled today.

Mr Justice Somerhaugh, who as Crown Counsel in Kenya prosecuted Mau Mau leader Jomo Kenyatta, ruled that the Northern Rhodesia legislature had failed to apply the divorce laws of England in recent years.

He asked Attorney-General Mr. Edgar Ensworth to appear in Court next Monday to argue whether the English 1923 Matrimonial Causes Act, which for the first time allowed a wife to divorce her husband on grounds of adultery alone, had ever been repealed in Northern Rhodesia.

If the Act was repealed, the English Act of 1857 is in force here, it was believed. The earlier law required a wife to prove both adultery and cruelty by her husband in order to get a divorce.

Mr Justice Somerhaugh would not comment on whether past decrees granted on other grounds were valid or whether grounds of second marriages were legitimate. — United Press.

## CARRIBEAN FEDERATION UNDER WAY

London, Feb. 2.

The House of Commons today cheered the Government's latest information on the plan for a British Caribbean federation, which has now been adopted by the legislatures of all the islands concerned.

Expressing their happiness at the general agreement reached by Barbados, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Windward Islands, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, said the plan would be laid before a final West Indian conference to which the island Governments would be asked to send plenipotentiary delegates.

When a final plan had been agreed by the conference, Parliament would then be asked to pass the necessary United Kingdom legislation.

Conservative, Socialist and Liberal — cheered when the Minister referred to "this significant step." And the fact that "we may now look forward to the establishment of a British Caribbean federation" would, he said, "provide a new and important link between the two main land territories — and others could join if they wish to."

## Gangsters Stand Over Gamblers

Johannesburg, Feb. 2.

Gangsters, determined to make money out of Johannesburg's profitable gambling racket, have divided the city into "time areas" and those keepers of gambling houses who threaten to close their doors will be smashed up.

Nowcomers who try to take part in the gambling house racket are also threatened.

The police are unable to take action against these gambling houses under the present laws. The keepers avoid police action by apparently preventing public access to their houses.

A Johannesburg couple who sent out invitations to friends were telephoned by members of the gang and told to stop playing, otherwise the premises would be smashed up. — China Mail Special.

### \$10,000 FOR BUTLER

He left \$10,000 to Mr. William Morley, the butler who discovered his bound and gagged body.

He also left \$10,000 to Mr. Theodore Schuller of Manhattan, not further identified in the will. — China Mail Special.



## DON IDDON continues along the Sunshine Trail with today's DIARY from gold-plated PALM BEACH. Hot Dogs Move In On The Minky Way

Palm Beach, Florida. THE palmy days are coming back to Palm Beach. There is new glitter along the famous Gold Coast, and Worth Avenue is again a mile of mink.

I am glad to be here for professional reasons, though, of course, I don't object to a season in the sun under the palms and by blue water.

American newspaper owners, editors, and columnists say that the two words "Palm Beach" pack more reader-appeal at the top of a news dispatch, article, or a column than any other "date-line" in the U.S. ... even more than Hollywood.

The reason for this is that Palm Beach is the hunting ground and play-

land of millionaires, many of whom make fools of themselves chasing other people's wives (or husbands) and getting into elaborate trouble, which is ideal for the front pages.

But strange things are happening to Palm Beach—the trippers and tourists are trying to move in. I arrived on a brilliant Sunday afternoon and the front was packed with gawkers and blocked solid with motels from pebbled West Palm Beach. Worth is just a narrow strip of beach, originally constructed "for the help," but now is 12 times the size of the swank resort.

The famous island of privilege is being invaded by the mob. I saw people strolling around eating hot dogs and drinking Coca-Cola out of the bottle between gazes at the famous mansions. The old guard would have turned purple at this proletarian impertinence.

### Class sense

THE motels (I am sorry to keep writing about them, but they cannot be ignored) are also spreading in the Palm Beach area, although they are not allowed to be built near the dazzling mansions, known locally among the snob set, in a masterpiece of understatement, as "cottages."

Trailers and caravans, which horrify the Palm Beach residents, are kept a strict 15 miles away. This little spoiled world reveals from most people. But I have had no trouble because I have an English accent and a column, and the Palm Beach types love publicity.

Ruby Edna Pierce, who has been for 45 years editor of the glossy-paper Palm Beach Daily News, has a strong sense of class distinction.

She proclaims: "Palm Beach isn't what it was ten years ago, and ten years ago it wasn't what it was ten years before that. I am featuring people in my paper today who wouldn't have been mentioned in my guest list 15 years ago."

There is a joke here of a typical Palm Beacher who, when asked who the nice people are, replies: "Why, haven't you heard? There aren't any any more."

### Palmy days

SEVERAL people have said to me "Palm Beach is getting to be like Miami." This is not true. I spent three days here and toured the palm-lined avenues thoroughly, attending five cocktail parties, three lunches, and two dinners, and about the only thing Palm Beach and Miami have in common is that they are both in Florida.

Miami is very much a part of the United States, but Palm Beach still rates the description of "a place near the United States."

There are no billboards, no neon signs in the streets in the residential section, no honkers—no car horns. Even "For Sale" boards are not permitted to appear.

Palm Beach is so grand, or tries to be, that it wants to leave the impression that no one ever sells or wants to go away.

Facing the ocean are a long line of castles, and I estimate that at least one-third of them are shuttered and probably will never be lived in again.

When I was here five years ago about two-thirds of the great houses were closed. But the stock market has gone up a great deal since then and dozens of the mansions are now being lived in again. That is why I say that the palmy days are coming back to Palm Beach.

### Hard struggle

PALM Beach is struggling very hard to be Society in capitals, although Newport and Bar Harbor regard it as belonging mainly to the upstart new rich.

There is an old Palm Beach poem which goes: People whose parents came over in 1848, Here entertain only the peerage.

There is a lot of truth in this. Many of the famous names made their money out of trade, or their fathers did, and they are so ashamed of it they bob and curtsy to any Balkan prince or even count.

At the moment Palm Beach is breathlessly awaiting the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who every season are far and away the biggest names to visit the resort and two of the most charming and intelligent people to honour this strange, title-conscious, dollar-heavy little town with their presence.

The host of the Duke and Duchess is always the railway man Robert R. Young, who began as a clerk and amassed a huge fortune. It was Mr. Young, who recently took control of the New York Central railway system and is planning a skyscraper taller than the Empire State Building, which is merely 102 stories, over New York station.

Despite the splendid but very exclusive beach clubs, fishing and the yachting from nearby Fort Lauderdale, I eat Palm Beach as having more appeal for women than for men.

I talked about Lincoln Road, in Miami the other day, but it is a street of five- and ten-cent stores compared with Worth Avenue, which is a superb procession of luxury shops, all in perfect taste, some with arcades, patios, and fountains.

### Strange sight

LAST night, when I was looking at a \$100,000 necklace in Cartiers, an enormous white Rolls-Royce drove up. An immaculate man in tails, obviously the model for the old De Reszke cigarettes, stepped out, followed by two Great Danes. He strolled elegantly up and down the avenue for about five minutes, followed by the dogs, then drove off while other people gaped.

It was a bit too much. I looked for Michael Arlen to appear any minute. But about Worth Avenue. It has tiny, opulent branches of New York's greatest and most expensive stores. It has the "T-B-Good" and the Alibi, which are plush drinking spots. It has superb restaurants. It is better than Bond Street and it is under the velvet sides and the palms.

Not to get too lyrical, however, there is the danger that you might get your head mashed in by a falling coconut. I have great affection for Palm Beach and for Worth Avenue, though the snobbery sometimes can be tedious. There is one harsh shortcoming, which I should report if this Palm Beach story is to be in any way complete.

### The serpents

THERE is considerable anti-Semitism here at the more exclusive hotels, whose owners fear that Palm Beach might become like Miami, whose visitors are 90 percent Jewish.

Coloureds, of course, haven't a hope in Palm Beach except as servants. It is unfortunate that such a beautiful, sun-drenched, semi-tropical garden should be marred by these serpents. Palm Beach is lovely, but no one can call it liberal.



POLICEMAN OF THE PACIFIC

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## WELL, CHASE ME AROUND THE BELFRY WITH A BAT

IT had been around 35 years since I read Bram Stoker's "Dracula," and because this seemed about the most likely offering on the bookstall at Entebbe Airport I blew a couple of shillings on it and settled down in my corner of the Skynmaster to see how cold my blood might be induced to run.

Let me hasten to report that the classic of 1897, whose sales long ago soared past the million mark, stands up rather stoutly, although not perhaps in quite the way that Stoker intended. For I was soon rolling around helplessly against my seat-belt, with my fellow-passengers inspecting me furtively out of the edges of their eyes; yet the powerful emotion which held me in thrall was not horror.

You recall the plot? Young English solicitor goes out to sombre castle somewhere at the back of Transylvania. Its owner, Count Dracula, puzzles the visitor by crawling about on the castle walls head downwards. And he has but to lift a finger for every wolf in the forest of Siberia to start howling.

Our hero, Jonathan Harker, begins to wish seriously that he had stuck to the torls and adventures back in E.C.2, when three weird sisters, very beautiful but somehow unhealthy-looking, materialise while he is having a nap one afternoon.

"All three had brilliant white teeth that shone like pearls against the ruby of their voluptuous lips. There was something about them that made me uneasy, some longing and at the same time some deadly fear. I felt in my heart a wicked, burning desire that they would kiss me with those red lips and I felt that I should meet Mina's eyes" (that's his fiancée back in the U.K.) "and cause her pain; but it is the truth."

The weird trio have laughs "like the intolerable, tingling sweetness of water-glasses when played by a cunning hand." And then: "The fair girl went on her knees and bent over me, fairly glowing. There was a deliberate voluptuousness and repulsive, and as she arched her neck she was actually licking her lips like an animal."

Enter the count: "Never did I imagine such wrath and fury, even in the demons of the god. His eyes were positively blazing. The red light in them was lurid, as if the flames of hell-fire blazed behind them. With a fierce sweep of the arm

he hurled the woman from him, and then motioned to the others, as though he were beating them back. It was the same imperious gesture that I had seen used to the wolves."

Turns out that the count's intervention is not at all philanthropic—he regards young Mr Harker as strictly his own plotter of applesauce. For the count and the weird sisters are all of them vampires from way back (at least 300 years), and once they get going on conveyance Harker's going to look mighty anemic when he gets back to those briefs.

Harker finally springs himself from the old chateau and has a jumbo nervous breakdown in a handy convent.

But the count, who has been quietly buying up desirable residences in various parts of Britain through third parties, sells from Varna for Whitley. He travels strictly incognito in a big box of earth, emerging after dusk to tantalise the crew.

Indeed so dubiously do they react to his malignant pranks that all go mad and jump overboard one after the other. The vessel finally careens into Whitby harbour in the midst of a tempest with the captain dead at the wheel. Only a huge black dog (guinea pig) is left to leap ashore and make off.

Coincidence. Staying in Whitby are Mina (Harker's fiancée) and Lucy, a lovely girl, engaged to the Hon. Arthur Holmwood.

Also deeply enamoured of Lucy is Dr Seward, who runs a lunatic asylum in Surrey.

A clean-cut chap, this Seward, suffering from insomnia, he confides to his diary: "If I don't sleep tonight at once, then I shall take the modern Morpheus—CHLOROFORM. No—I shall take none tonight! I have thought of Lucy, and I shall not dishonour her by mixing the two!"

Well, folks, the count, wearing the guise now of a dog, now a wolf, and now of a window-smashing bat, wreaks his terrible will on poor Lucy, and she presently expires. But meanwhile a powerful ally for the forces of law, order and fairplay has entered the lists—Herr Doktor Van Helsing of Amsterdam, Europe's foremost authority on vampires.

Van H. knows a trick or two, and high in his anti-vamp armoury stands garlic. Indeed, the good doctor uses far more of the stuff than Philip Harben. His first efforts, alas, fall through on fault of his. Lucy's silly old ma goes pottering into her daughter's bedroom, sees her adorning with a great garland of protective garlic, fendering her neck loose it away—and bingo, the hovering count



RENE MacCOLL flies with Dracula

London promptly bats his way to work again.

Now here's a disquieting development. Vamp victims like poor Lucy find that the pastime is distinctly habit-forming, and so now Lucy takes to emerging from her Hampstead tomb and helping herself to toothsome bits at innocent play.

A posse of anti-vamp vigilantes is formed under the able leadership of Van Helsing. It includes Harker—back from foreign parts by now, older looking, much quieter and considerably wiser—Doc Seward of the lunatic asylum, the Hon. Arthur Holmwood, he who loved Lucy, and a young American big game hunter named Quincy Morris.

The ring is fast closing on the count now—but, heavens, what is this? Mina, of all people (she, has become Mrs Harker),

is beginning to display all the classic signs of undue Draculinity. That bat again!

A stern decision is taken—it is ever so long since if Mina is developing hopelessly anti-social tastes, then all hands swear that they will personally do her in.

The hunt is on. The count, back snug in his box of earth, gives the posse the slip and sails for the Black Sea. Off they go in pursuit—Mina too—but the count again eludes the chase in distant Varna, and in his box is borne rapidly towards his castle sanctuary by a troupe of Slovak gipsies. If he can make it before sunset—for he is the Vampire On Which The Sun Must Always Set—the pursuit has practically had it.

At the very threshold of the sinister valley which spells Home to the vampire, while the long shadows spread across the snow, the posse halts the cart.

A fight follows.

And that was that. Dracula crumbles before their eyes. The gipsies drump. But poor Morris has been fatally wounded.

In a footnote appended by Harker seven years later it turns out that "it is an added joy to Mina and me that our boy's birthday is on the same day as that on which Quincy Morris died. Our boy's bundle of names links all our little band together—but we call him Quincy."

Wonder if little Quincy cared for garlic in his salad?

## BARGAINS FOR THE SELECT

By SYDNEY SMITH

Paris. JUST missed a bargain at the January fur sales, madam? Kicking yourself about that car you were just pipped for at the auction, sir?

Well, let me tell you about the bargains I miss all the year round here at the most exclusive bargain basements in the world.

The bargains—from duty free cast-off Cadillacs to perfect but unwanted minks—that are sold in the "White Market" of diplomatic Paris.

The "White Market's" three branches are the Chaillet Palace, home of NATO; the old Rothschild mansion, the Chateau de la Muette, headquarters of OEEC; and the luxury Hotel Majestic, once German headquarters, and now the central office of UNESCO.

In the basements and cantons of these aloof buildings the staff advertise their wares on the notice boards. And the rub is this: to get in you must be either a diplomat or a privileged free international civil servant.

### It's damask

BUT suppose you and I are Privileged Free International Civil Servants: what are they offering us?

Let's go first to UNESCO—down in the basement just opposite the staff grocery where the 808 international civil servants buy their privileged whiskey and gin at less than half price.

Now, here's a delightful item—very beautiful housecoat in silver damask. The owner, with sweet, undiplomatic naïveté, adds: "Brought back from Syria absolutely new."

Next we have a hand-embroidered Bulgarian blouse—only £4 10s.

Care? Take your pick—French, English, American, Italian, or German. The international civil servants have the right to tourist registration, which saves tax and duty.

Among other UNESCO offers are: A German-made gas cooker, an American electric cooker, some typewriters, and—oh, yes—a pram.

### It's satin

DOWN at NATO there is a dining suite—suitable for chateau or large property.

Up at OEEC—where the staff canteen whiskey is cheaper than at the UNESCO branch of the White Market, and English and American cigarettes are only 1s. 4d. for 20—the range is more limited.

But there is a "satin-covered stool" at only £20.

Mind you, I am quoting sterling prices. But U.S. dollars are preferred—often essential.

So there you are. Walk right up and buy.

Oh! but I forgot. We aren't diplomats.

But let's try not to be too undiplomatic about it, shall we?

GLOSSARY for non-diplomat shoppers: NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; OEEC—Organisation for European Economic Co-operation; UNESCO—United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.



Headaches Toothaches Colds are quickly overcome by

CAPASPIN



Harry Odell says

Don't forget WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, at the EMPIRE THEATRE. In association with the British Council I will present two of the world's greatest artists—DAME SYBIL THORNDIKE and SIR LEWIS CASSON—in a recital of Shakespeare and poetry. Please reserve your seats at

International Films, Ltd., 107, Holland House, Telephone No. 21832. ADMISSION \$20.00.

## Frank Owen's—



in the SUNDAY POST-HERALD soon!

## WHITHER PODPOM?

By GERALD CUMMING

THE United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities almost certainly has a more official abbreviation, but Podpom will do.

Podpom have been holding their seventh session at Headquarters in New York, and the chaps were speaking of this and that, and making fruitful suggestions, like for an investigation on the question of how many club-footed albinos have been prevented on the grounds of colour from making a full-time career in the ballet, when Mr Max Sorensen, the chairman, let fall a provocative remark.

### BOYS AND GIRLS

Personally, said Mr Sorensen, who's come from Denmark, he has grown very warm, and was against separate schools for boys and girls, but if such a system offered the same

opportunities, he did not think it was discriminatory.

Mr Emeljanov of Russia thought likewise. As long as the curriculum was the same, Podpom should not be concerned or feel their principles threatened by the widespread phenomenon of boys going to boys' schools and girls to girls' schools.

Judge Halpern, of the United States was, however, more than surprised. It was only, he said, because boys and girls had been going to different schools for so long that it had come to be regarded as permissible. Even by so enlightened persons as our chairman. The recent ruling of the Supreme Court that segregation in schools was unconstitutional applied not only to race, but to sex. This broke new ground. In fact, it opened a door on a new concept of psychological equality. And he hoped Mr Sorensen would soon see the light.

After this the debate seems to have grown very warm, and was against separate schools for boys and girls, but if such a system offered the same

question whether such segregation constituted discrimination against the boys or discrimination against the girls.

From this it is but a short step from having to define just what one means, in the context of the controversy, by the concept "boy" as distinct from the concept "girl." Clearly this affair has taken a fundamental turn, and the upshot will not be known for some time.

### MORE SUBJECTS

Meanwhile, Podpom might like some more subjects. Is it not intolerable discrimination that some people should sit over others in buses? Is it not oppressive of a minority that there should be 40 pages of Smith's in the directory, and only a single pair of Zytyniks, and ought not the Zytyniks to have Podpom's "official" expression of sympathy for the psychological trauma that must ensue? Why should the Eskimo freeze while the Zulu bakes, and is it enough that what with birth, life and death, they have roughly the same curriculum? Talk on, gentlemen. We are dying to know the answers.







# SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

By JAMES CONNOLLY and SAM LEITCH

The Third Division club's demand for financial assistance is no money-grabbing scheme. It is forced on them by the worst-ever crisis in English soccer.

"Let's face it," says Reading Chairman Jimmy Carter. "We are up against entertainment competition from TV, the cinema and the theatre."

"We must offer greater comfort to our fans. There must be better grounds, more cover, and better stands. If we are to compete with these other attractions for the customers."

"That is why I suggested that any money we might get should be spent on ground improvements."

How right he is. Oldham, Crystal Palace and Shrewsbury are looking about £200 a week.

Crews, Chester and Aldershot want their fans that they are in danger of losing their football if support doesn't improve.

Tottenham supporters plan a £20,000 "save our club" scheme and Southampton recently offered to sell any player they had to relieve the position.

Crystal Palace director, Dave Lang, says the club going and they

## SERIOUS RISK

Last week each of the eight Aldershot directors chipped in his share to make sure that the players got their wages. Gates averaging only 5,000 for the past three home games are a matter of grave concern.

Said Chairman Tom Day: "The directors have made loans to the club to keep the club going."

"A limit has now been reached. Unless the necessary financial support is forthcoming

from the public, there is a serious risk of Aldershot losing League football."

Grimsby, the club which has Football League President Arthur Drewry on its board, also feels the draught.

Their staff will have to be cut by the end of the season so manager Billy Walsh has told certain players that they will be losing free transfers.

Colchester may be offering their manager to Charlton's Henry Fenton, brother of Ted Fenton (West Ham), the man who took Colchester into the Football League.

Colchester fancy a player-manager. Charlton don't want to lose Fenton, but they wouldn't hold him or demand a fat fee if the offer comes.

## ONCE WAS ENOUGH

Young Bobby Ayre rockets into the £20,000 class on his centre-forward show against Young Italy. And he cost Charlton nothing.

In the H.A.F. Bobby played on the right wing for Chippinham United. Jimmy Seed saw him once. That was enough for him to make a promise.

Bobby took the Charlton boss at his word. On his way home after demob he called in at the Valley and signed for Charlton.

If Crystal Palace pay cash for West Ham's left back, Harry Kinsell, then the Hammers will buy forward Billy Dore from Brentford.

It was the outcome last week of a West Ham meeting to discuss the transfer-listed Dore whom they want very much. Palace would like to make a player-exchange deal over Kinsell.

Centre forward interest by West Ham... their Scottish scout watched Alton leader George Miller last Saturday... manager Ted Fenton flew to Ireland on Saturday to watch Coleraine's Fay Cooper. Nothing doing with Preston's Dennis Hattell (at least until Preston are out of the Cup).

Arsenal have joined the queue of First Division clubs eager to sign Brian Orrill, 18-year-old inside forward of Bangor City.

## DISAPPOINTED FACES

Ambitious Queen's Park Rangers think they have hooked a top Scottish teenage ace... 18-year-old Hugh Mills, outside right of Wishaw Juniors, and 17-year-old Willie Moles, right back of Westrigg Bluebell.

Moles has written and promised his signing for QPR—which means some disappointed faces at Arsenal, Newcastle, and Aston Villa.

This week marks the end of the Allchurch story... the soccer man-hunt for Ivor, the Welsh wizard, officially closes with the news that he will open a sports outfitters business near Swansea Station.

This little once and for all the hopes of nearly every major club in the land.

Said a Swansea director: "Those last few weeks have been quiet. No more managers or scouts here for Ivor. At one time we had them every home match and the club phone never stopped ringing."

(London Express Service).

## Finney To Coach In Rhodesia

Tom Finney, Preston and England winger, will spend part of the close season coaching in Rhodesia. He has accepted an invitation for a six-week coaching tour in that country and will stay a few days at each centre. He arrives in Rhodesia with his family on June 20. (London Express Service).

## TURPIN WANTS THEM BIGGER

Handolp Turpin, British Empire middleweight champion and former world middleweight title-holder, wants more and bigger sparring partners. He is training in North Wales for his fight with Ray Schmitt (Lansdowne) in Birmingham on February 19.

(London Express Service).

## PROMISE IS REMEMBERED

Bloomfontein, Orange Free State, Feb. 2. In 1951, when 17-year-old Desmond Schonegevel, of Bloomfontein, won a free trip to the Oval cricket ground to see the fifth Test between South Africa and England, the sponsors promised to give him a cricket outfit if he ever gained his provincial cap.

Recently Desmond made his debut for Orange Free State in their Currie Cup game against Transvaal.

The promise is remembered, and Desmond will receive his outfit. (China Mail Special).

## Philippines Easily Beat Sweden

Manila, Feb. 2. The Philippines last night annexed the invitational tennis tie with Sweden when Felicissimo Ampon and Raymond Deyro won a five-set doubles victory over Lennart Bergelin and Sven Davidson. The score was 2-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 and 6-3.

Last Monday Ampon and Deyro respectively beat Bergelin and Davidson in singles.

Today, the last singles matches between Deyro and Bergelin and Ampon and Davidson will be the final matches since the Philippines with a 2-0 score, has already won the tie.

Four Hongkong tennis stars, Mr and Mrs Ip Koon-hung, Edwin Tsai and V. T. Wang are due here tomorrow to take part in the national open tennis championships.

Other foreign entries are Bergelin and Sven Davidson and England's Roger Becker and John Barret.

Tomorrow 32 singles are scheduled. The doubles will be held on Friday. The ladies' singles, in which Mrs Ip is the only foreign entry, open on Monday. (France-Press).

## KEENAN WANTS TO FIGHT IN SINGAPORE

London, Feb. 2. Peter Keenan, 20-year-old British heavyweight champion, would like to fight in Singapore and Bangkok in the spring.

The Scottish fighter fights Frenchman Daniel Bini in Glasgow on Feb. 22 and four days later flies to Australia for three fights.

The first one will be against Bobby Sims, Australian heavyweight champion, and will be fought for the vacant Empire title.

Keenan has twice held the British title. He first won it in 1951 and later in the same year also took the European Championship from a Spaniard. (London Express Service).

# "THE" JOCKEY CLUB ONE MEMBER'S POMPOSITY CAN OFTEN BE MISINTERPRETED

By ROGER MORTIMER

London.

In this country, the concept of government by the aristocracy received a mortal blow when the scandals and ineptitudes of the Crimean War became generally known.

Nevertheless, one hundred years later, halfway through the so-called century of the common man, the Jockey Club, a bastion of the old regime, has held and even strengthened its position.

The Club does not always get a good Press, or even, for that matter, a fair one. It would no doubt go against the democratic grain to pay tribute to an autocratic and self-elected assembly.

Those who know racing best, however, acknowledge that by and large the Jockey Club has served racing well.

It has made mistakes, indeed, been slow to act, is ultra-conservative and at times out of touch with the requirements and feelings of the average racegoers.

Sometimes the pomposity of a single member has been erroneously taken as a mark of the Club as a whole.

Its integrity, however, is unquestioned. There has been no scandal recently comparable to the day when a steward of the Club, due to be senior steward the following year, was declared "a defaulter" and fled the country.

The Club's sense of responsibility towards the Turf is recognised, too, and credit must be given to the tactful way in which it steered racing through two wars.

The question that now must be faced is whether the Jockey Club, composed as it is, can continue for very much longer.

Few able young men of the class from which the Jockey Club is largely composed can afford to own horses or to go racing regularly. For better or for worse, the type of owner is changing.

Surely the best solution is for the Jockey Club to forget some of its traditional exclusiveness and welcome into its fold the best of the new order.

It is better to do these things gradually and voluntarily than to wait for a revolution which might turn everything upside-down and in the process destroy much that is good.

NOT A GOOD THING

Allied to the problem of the Jockey Club is the problem of suitable stewards. It is not a good thing to have too many old men officiating.

Good eyesight, good hearing, a certain degree of physical activity and above all, a flexible and unprejudiced mind are all desirable attributes.

Younger men can rarely give the time to officiate regularly and it is irritating for the racecourse executive concerned if an appointed steward is often absent from duty or fails to turn up at short notice.

The answer to this problem is to make better use of the stewards' secretaries. These officials are racing day after day.

They know the form, or at least they ought to, not only of horses, but of owners, trainers, jockeys and sometimes bookmakers as well. They know the rules of racing.

At present they are employed only in an advisory capacity to the stewards of the meeting, and on certain courses such advice as they offer does not fall on very receptive ears.

It would add to the efficiency with which many meetings are conducted if the stewards' secretaries were granted full executive powers.

In fact, as the stewards' secretary is usually the most efficient and knowledgeable man present, he could sit as senior steward at every meeting at which he officiated, with the local stewards appointed by that course sitting with him and acting under his guidance.

The term "stewards' secretary" would, presumably, be abolished and "steward" used instead. The fact that stewards' secretaries are invariably referred to in racecourse jargon as "stipes" suggests that the racing public fail to appreciate just how limited are their present powers.

ONE FINAL POINT

One final point. The stewards' secretary, whose job is advisory, is not permitted to bet; whereas, contrary to wide belief, there is no rule to prevent a steward, who possesses executive power, from betting as much as he likes.

This is an absurd situation.

There is no single good reason why stewards should bet at meetings where they officiate.

## Colony Squash Championship

Two thrilling games climaxed the third successive day's play of the 1955 Colony Squash Championship which is currently taking place at the Victoria Squash Courts.

Jenkins, of the Royal Air Force, a physical training instructor, outlasted a very game opponent, Weeks, in five sets.

Fabian dashed through his match against Crofton, winning in three sets, 9-4, 9-0, 9-0, and will encounter Peters in the quarter-finals on Friday.

This evening, defending champion Rory Macpherson, who should turn out to be one of the outstanding matches of the tournament, Sullivan meets Hubble in another quarter-finals match today.

The following were yesterday's results: Fabian beat Crofton 9-4, 9-0, 9-0.

Jenkins beat Weeks 1-0, 0-9, 9-7, 9-1, 9-0.

Today Macpherson v Coffey; Sullivan v Hubble.

Tomorrow Fabian v Peters; Pritchard v Jenkins.

## ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP

Only the finals of the Army Squash championship will be played at the Victoria Courts, the preliminary rounds being played elsewhere in the Colony.

The first round games will be played by Feb. 8; the second round by Feb. 12; the third round by Feb. 15; fourth round by Feb. 18 and the final on Feb. 22.

The first round draw is as follows: Lt/Col Sullivan v Lt Smith; 2/Lt. Jones v Capt Carter; Major Howard-Dobson v Major Dye; 2/Lt Bechford v Capt Hurn; Gunner Merion v 2/Lt Russell; Capt. Weeks v Major Meares.

## Rocky's Gloves On Tour

Rocky Marciano's boxing gloves are on an ice-hockey tour of Europe. Not for publicity, or as a bait for an ever-watchful Don Cockell.

They are with Al Youkiewicz, coach of the independent American championship ice hockey team.

Youkiewicz has been a close friend of Marciano's since boyhood. He hopes the gloves worn by Rocky when he best Jersey Joe Walcott to become the World Heavyweight Champion in 1952, will serve as a lucky charm for his team in the world series in Germany. (London Express Service).



# The Belt Brings Trouble Again

By SYDNEY HULLS

Jack Smith, 6 ft. 13 in., Worcester City police constable, pounds his lonely bent and pays special attention to the security of a certain bank.

In its vaults lies his Lonsdale Belt, and Smith is only really happy when it's safely under lock and key.

What a stormy history has that belt. What trouble it seems to stir up! Smith won the golden girdle way back in 1937 when he was 18.

## INTER-HONG CRICKET

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the annual Hong Kong match against Dewdells on Sunday, February 6, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 11.30 a.m.

I. G. Brockman, R. W. Campbell, P. S. Crossley, P. M. De Brunner, P. F. Hutton, S. F. T. B. Lever, J. R. M. Lewis, R. E. H. Nelson, M. J. Pridham, B. C. Rogers, M. G. Stone.

12th man: W. A. H. Balfour. Umpire: F. Marshall.

The following have been selected to represent Dewdells & Co. Ltd: P. G. Williams (captain), E. K. Abbas, J. Chubb, P. C. Deveson, B. S. Dowdell, G. Holdsworth, J. A. King, E. Lee, R. McAdam, J. R. McAusland, A. P. Pereira.

Reserve & Scorer: D. J. Little. Umpire: D. W. Leach.

## ARMY HOCKEY SELECTIONS

The following players are selected to represent the Army teams in the HKHA Civilian League this Sunday:

Army 'A' v Reserve 'B' at Soekun-poo-bully off 2.30 p.m. WO1 Taylor, Sgt. Roberts, WO1 Howell, WO1 Peters (Captain), Sgt. Martin, Sgt. Fenton, Lt. Ross, Sgt. Allison, Sgt. Smith and 2/Lt. Bechford. Reserve 'A' v Reserve 'B' at Soekun-poo-bully off 4 p.m. WO1 Howell (Captain), WO1 Taylor, WO1 Peters, WO1 Martin, WO1 Fenton, WO1 Allison, WO1 Smith and WO1 Bechford. Reserve 'A' v Reserve 'B' at King's Park off 4.30 p.m. WO1 Taylor, WO1 Peters, WO1 Martin, WO1 Fenton, WO1 Allison, WO1 Smith and WO1 Bechford. Reserve 'A' v Reserve 'B' at King's Park off 4.30 p.m. WO1 Taylor, WO1 Peters, WO1 Martin, WO1 Fenton, WO1 Allison, WO1 Smith and WO1 Bechford.

## WATUSI FOR MELBOURNE?

Dr. Richard Reusch, an American missionary, has promised to send a man from Ruanda-Urundi, Central Africa, to set up a new Olympic High Jump record in Melbourne next year.

Official world high jump record is 6 ft. 10 in. Dr. Reusch claims he has seen Watusi tribesmen clearing a cord held at 7 ft. 6 in., and from a run up that was absolutely flat.

The only difficulty is that the tribesmen dislike leaving their jungle homes. (London Express Service).

## BATTLE OF THE ROSES

There will be a lawn bowls match between the Yorkshire Society and the newly-formed Lancastrian Society at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, commencing at 3 p.m.

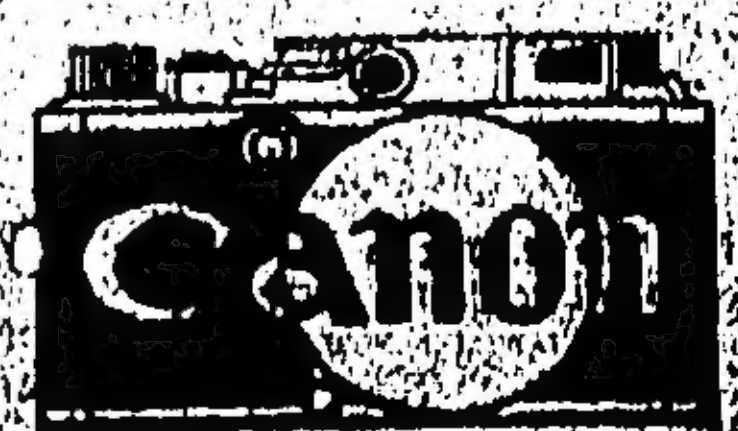
Tea will be served at 4.30 and members of both societies, whether playing or not will be most welcome.

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Lancashire: V. H. Sumner, Mrs. Greenwood, J. Look, F. Howarth (skip), R. M. Hetherington, Mrs. P. Lowe, J. B. Dewhurst, T. Pilkington (skip), A. Tarbuck, Mrs. O'Brien, P. Lloyd, P. Lowe (skip), T. Mersey, Mrs. Howarth, D. O'Brien, E. Greenwood (skip).



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## Stradivarius Violins Found

Goslow, S. E. France, Feb. 2.

Stradivarius violins have been discovered in a farming district near here in Southeast France, it was reported here today.

Experts state that they seem to be authentic. One belonged to a farm-labourer, who used to play it when the lady and her friends of the village wanted a dance. The other was discovered in a garden packed into a barrel with ancient sidearms and rifles.

Antonio Stradivarius, who lived in Cremona, Italy, in the 17th Century, is considered to have constructed the finest violins of all time.—France-Press.

Washington, Feb. 2.

The Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister, Dr. George Yeh, has put off his departure from Washington, the Chinese Nationalist Embassy here announced today.

The official spokesman making the announcement refused to comment on the suggestion that Dr. Yeh might be concerned in a possible declaration by the State Department on the defence of the Matsu and Quemoy islands.—France-Press.

## Drunk Bitten By Lion

Johannesburg, Feb. 2.

An African squatter in the Ball area of the Kruger National Park in South Africa, visited his friends by bicycle and had some of the local brew with each of them.

He celebrated a little too much and found that he could not ride his bicycle properly. He decided to lie down until some of the effects had worn off.

The African fell asleep and awoke in great pain to see a lion biting him. He struck at the lion, yelling and screaming. To his astonishment and relief, the lion made off into the bushes.

The lion had bitten him in the thigh and ankle. The African was taken to a hospital by a ranger, and is recovering.—France-Press.

## Peking Accuses Thailand

Paris, Feb. 2.

Communist China today accused Thailand of imprisoning and maltreating 200 Chinese citizens residing in Thailand.

The Communist New China News Agency, which made this accusation, said that the Thai Government had asked the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Thailand to organize the repatriation of the detained Chinese.

The Chinese Communist authorities have authorized their return to China, the news agency said.—France-Press.

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# Australia's Labour Leaders Fete A Capitalist

Melbourne, Feb. 2.

Some of Australia's most militant labour leaders gathered here to wine, dine and give a wedding present to a man who should, by their own party platform standards, have been their traditional political enemy.

He is Mr Jack Skolnik, a Russian-born Jew, a man who from extreme poverty, has acquired great wealth but who in the process has become a member of the Socialist Australian Labour Party, and a trade unionist. He was a witness before the Petrov Royal Commission into Espionage, called to explain why he had guaranteed a bank overdraft for a leading Communist.

The first to offer to give evidence of his "100 per cent loyalty to Australia" were the deputy leader of the Labour Party, Mr Arthur Calwell, and Mr Albert Monk, President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Skolnik's story began when he was an eleven years old refugee from an anti-Jewish pogrom in Russia, in the early years of this century.

**POLISHED BOOTS**  
As a ragged, bare-foot orphan, he scraped a living polishing the boots of Australian Light Horsemen stationed in Palestine in World War I.

The "Diggers" treated him kindly, allowed him to do odd jobs around their camp, and fed him. Recalling that period of his life, Skolnik says "For the first time in my life I was treated as a human being."

After the war, Skolnik remembered. He saved £28 from his boot polishing—enough to pay his passage fare to the country from which these men came.

His first job in Melbourne was in a tannery.

Later, he joined the Storeman and Packers' Union. He has never forgotten his early days as a trade unionist. "I had never been in a union before," he says. "This one seemed like a brotherhood that really took care of its members."

Then Skolnik became a baker's delivery man with a horse and cart. On his round, lived a wealthy family called Ellison.

Skolnik had no thought then that one day he would wed the family's daughter, Rita.

## IN WINE STORE

Another customer told Skolnik that he was waiting time delivering bread and took him into his retail wine store.

In two years, Skolnik was managing the whole enterprise while the family went on holiday abroad.

Years later, Skolnik left the firm, formed his own business, the Australia - Middle East Trading Company, with the main aim of exporting Australian goods to Israel.

He is now also head of a Dutch-English trading combine, runs a hotel-owning syndicate, is in charge of two motorcar agencies and a travel agency and is President of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

But he has never forgotten his own beginnings. His good deeds are accomplished so anonymously as to give the impression of stealth.

## LIVES MODESTLY

Skolnik continues to live modestly one of his few concessions to his wealth being fast sports car.

His philosophy he sums up as follows: "When business people ask me what I, a rich man, am doing 'messing about' with the Australian Labour Party, I tell them that even though luck has come my way, I still have in my bones the feeling of the underdog."—China Mail Special.

## Over-Long Paris Parking Clean Up

Paris, Feb. 2.

Ramshackle vehicles, some of them lying around unattended for as long as two years in the streets of Paris, were carted off by the Paris police today, the first day of the operation of a new traffic regulation about over-long parking.

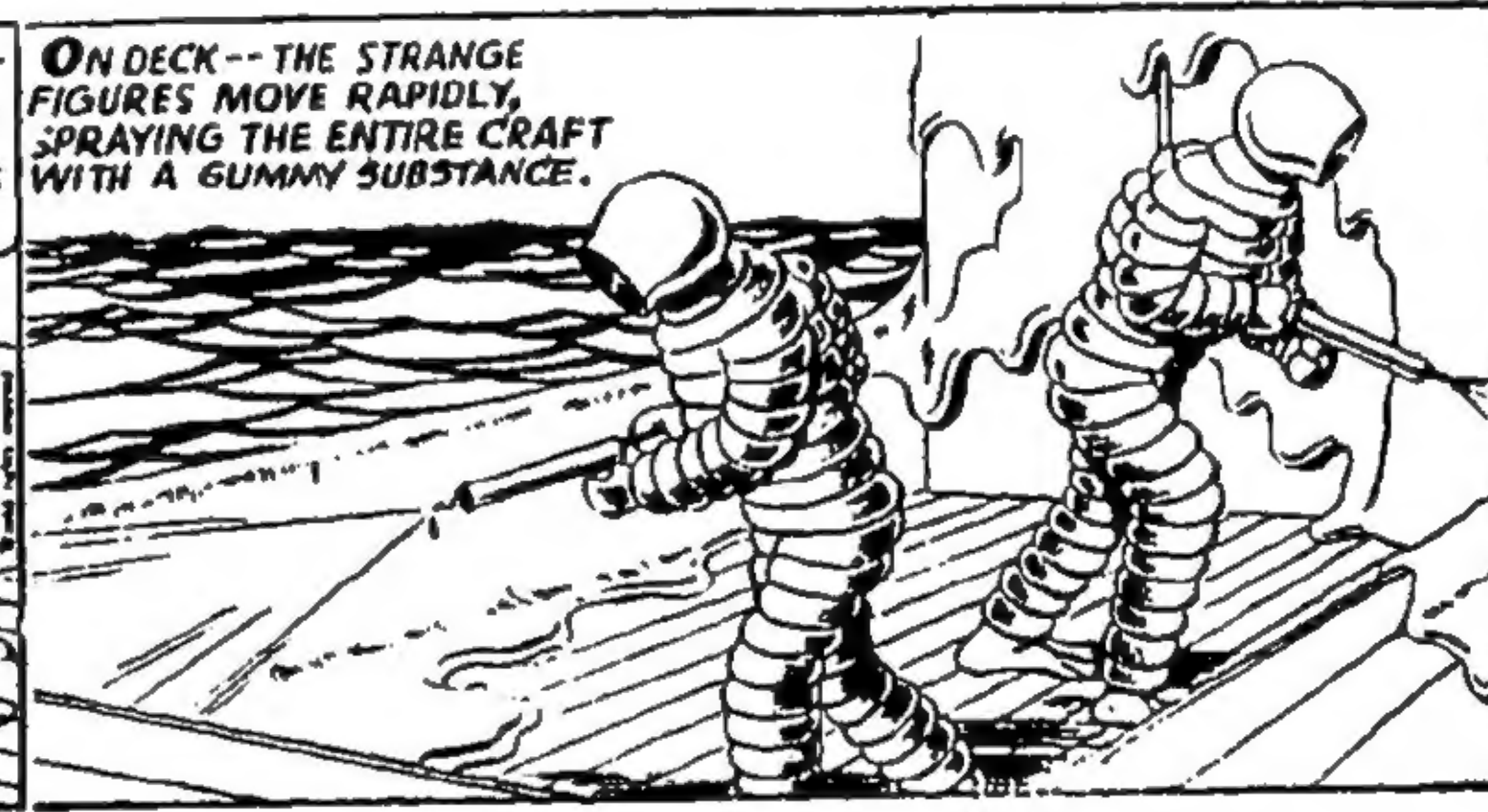
The regulation, stipulated that cars parked for longer than 24 hours would be impounded at the expense of the owners.

Today's haul of unattended vehicles was divided into two categories. The old jalopies, many of which could have qualified for the London-to-Brighton old crooks sale, were hitched by cranes and dumped ignominiously in a yard set aside for "wrecks." All efforts to find their owners had failed.

Along these was the oldest lorry, parked two years ago on one of the quays of the River Seine. Like Noah's Ark, it survived the recent floods, only to end up among the "wreckable wrecks."

But the owners of vehicles whose identity has been traced will find themselves with a prescription on their hands—and a bill for the removal of their property.—France-Press.

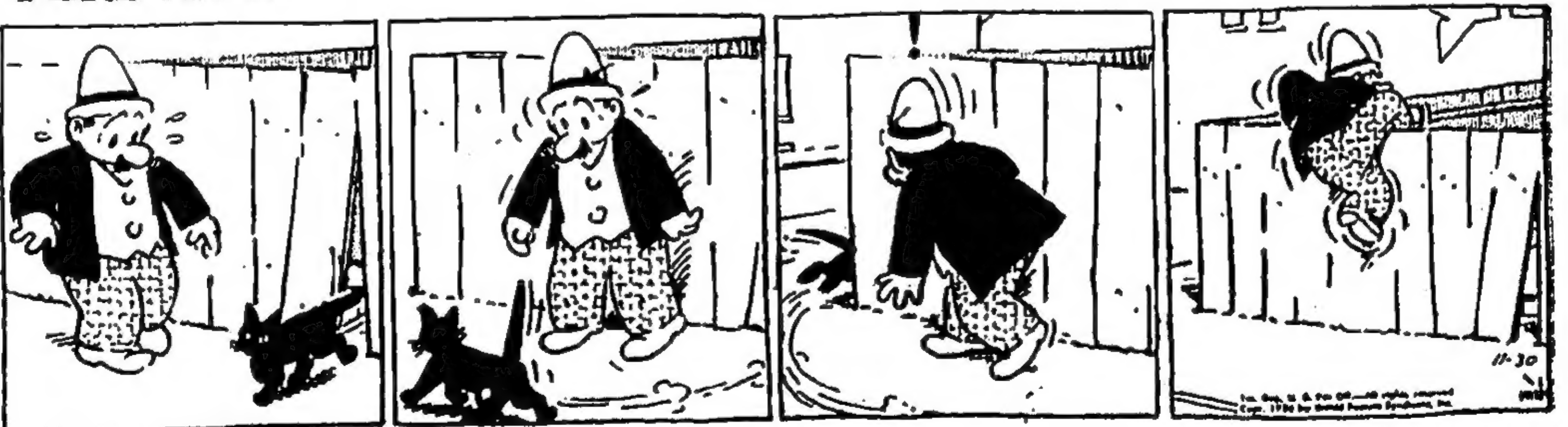
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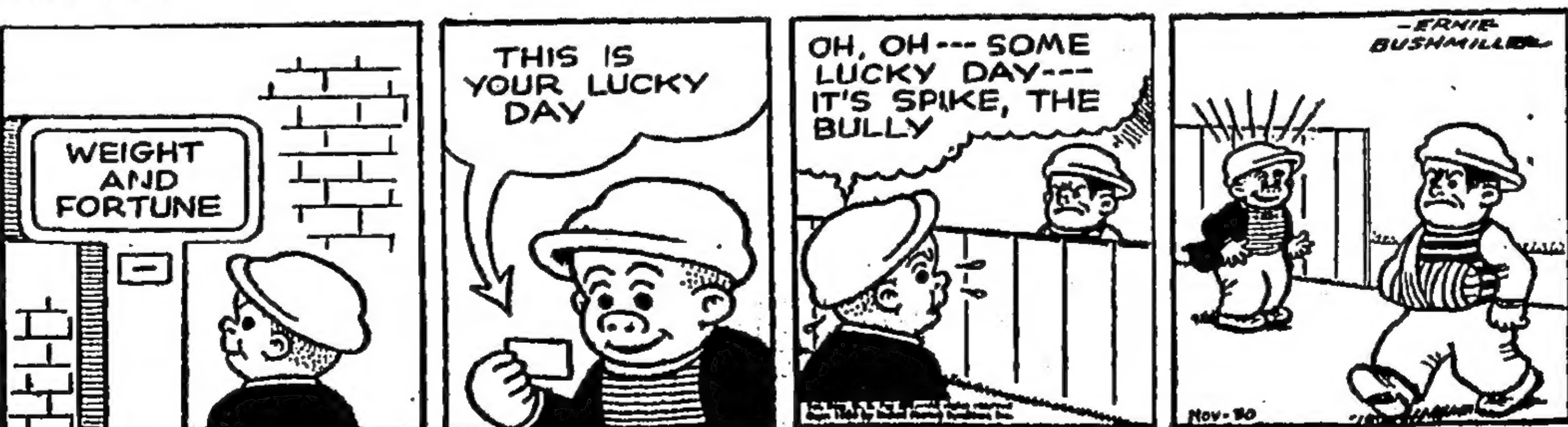
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## OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS



To speed up output to beat the threat of B.O.A.C. buying American aircraft the Bristol Company has introduced an unprecedented production programme. This is a general view of the assembly hall at Filton, showing the upper section panel of the aircraft in the foreground being manoeuvred into position by crane. An assembly proceeds aircraft at the rear of the bay (in the foreground of the picture) move forward to the two intermediate stations in the centre and then to the front of the hall for the final stages of construction.—Central Press Photo.

## British Turboprops Being Tested In U.S. Convair

The leaders in the race to deliver the first commercial high-powered turboprop engines are now emerging, and as each month goes by news comes in of fresh developments in this all-important field.

Rolls-Royce, whose small Dart engine has now run for well over a quarter of a million hours and is flying in Viscount airliners on three continents, expects to start bench-testing its RB-109 4,000 s.h.p. turboprop engine in the immediate future. At Bristol the 3,320 s.h.p. Proteus, which has been selected for the huge Britannia airliners of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has become the first turboprop of this size in the world to be given official clearance for the carriage of passengers.

In 1953 Bristol expected to start deliveries of the first constant-power turboprop, the TB 25, which will deliver 4,000 s.h.p. at any operating height or temperature. And since July of last year the Napier Eland, which gives 3,000 s.h.p., has been flying in a variety of test-bed aircraft.

Already the Eland has successfully emerged from a 150-hour type test at full power. To accelerate its flight trials, an Eland has been re-engined with Elands. The Convair will be flown to America for intensive trials with a domestic airline operator in the United States.

In 1954 the production tooling necessary for quantity manufacture of Elands was initiated and a pre-production series of engines was started.

These engines will be completed this year, and will be available for use in prototype aircraft. Deliveries of production engines can begin in 1956, and simultaneously a 4,000 s.h.p. Eland is being developed, which will become available some 18 months later.

The present Eland engine has an outstandingly good power-weight ratio, which is likely to be still further improved when its higher-power development becomes available. The Eland is particularly suitable for helicopter use, and has already been selected for the Fairey Rotodyne which will be flying next year.

### 40 Passengers

The Rotodyne will carry forty passengers at speeds much higher than those of conventional helicopters, and thus will be one of the first rotating wing aircraft to come into the category of a DC 3 replacement. The four blades of its rotor are hollow, and are designed to carry cold air supplied from auxiliary compressors on the engines to combustion jets at the rotor tips.

During take-off and climb the Rotodyne's power is derived from these up-jets, but in normal flight all the power from the two Elands is supplied to two conventional air screws, while the rotor 'windmills' of its own accord.

It is hoped that the application of the gas-turbine engine to helicopters will considerably reduce their operating costs, and thereby bring nearer the day when they are in large-scale use for scheduled airline work.

New auxiliary fuel tanks made of plastic materials have

been tested at super-sonic speeds on the latest R.A.F. fighter, the Hawker Hunter, without affecting its performance.

This has been disclosed by the Bristol Aeroplane Company, which is now going into large-scale production of the tanks for many types of new British Service aircraft.

The choice of a plastic material was made because of its relatively low cost and its safe strategic materials, which in wartime would be required for jet production.

A plastic tank is some 25 per cent cheaper than aluminium, and in combat these tanks are jet-fuelled as soon as they are emptied.

It was found in Korea that the largest single item of aircraft expenditure was on drop-tanks, which were used at the rate of thousands every week.

To make the drop-tanks flexible in operation, so that any tank can be used on any similar type of aircraft, Bristol have developed a number of standard sizes, and units containing 50, 100, 150, 200, 300 and 500 gallons will be available. For some of these units it has been possible to make the front and rear shells the same, increasing the capacity merely by making a longer centre-section.

In making the drop-tanks, the standard methods of aircraft production are used. The process by which cylindrical aircraft fuselages are made has been applied to the manufacture of the tanks' outer shell, while the techniques for making wing sections and frames have been employed for the internal framework of the drop tanks.

### Shell Sections

All the tanks consist of three main shell sections, with pressure-resistant internal frames. The complete process uses only the simplest possible tools so that elaborate plant and skilled labour is unnecessary. Consequently the high rate of output can quickly be achieved.

To ensure that the tank falls away in a horizontal position when jettisoned, and to prevent any tendency for it to porpoise, a fin is fitted, which is adjustable to suit the dropping characteristics of any individual aircraft. This is a unique feature of the new plastic tank.

An automatic float-switch can be provided which cuts off the fuel supply when pressure fuelling is in use and the tank is full.

Plastic tanks can be made with a better surface finish than aluminium tanks, so that drag is reduced to the minimum. The aircraft's speed is not seriously reduced, as the Hunter tests have shown. The plastic is not adversely affected by extremes of temperature, or humidity, and these new tanks have already been seen service in Africa.

A complete tank can be assembled from its component parts using nothing more complex than a screwdriver. In the field three unskilled men can do the whole job in a quarter of an hour.

Plastic tanks are now in use on the Canberra bomber, and are in production for the Sea Hawk and Venom fighters, apart from Hunter. Soon the majority of front-line British aircraft will be employing this means to increase their range.

Schepel Airport, Amsterdam, has become the centre of the world's air traffic in gold.

And the Dutch airline, KLM,

have become the biggest carriers of bullion in Europe.

Vaults have been built at Schiphol where bullion worth tens of millions of pounds is handled every year. When gold leaves the airport the bars are packed in wooden boxes which are protected by armed guards all the time except when the airplane is airborne.

Airways of British Overseas Airways Corporation flying to the East and to West Africa's Gold Coast are equipped with special precious-cargo lock-ups big enough to take 12 bars of gold at a time.

But in spite of all precautions, gold worth £92,000 has been stolen, a bar at a time, while being flown from West Africa to London.

### Trunk Routes

Air France this year will step up frequencies on several of its trunk routes, with the delivery of 10 more Super Constellations. On the North Atlantic frequencies will be boosted to 18 flights weekly and a third weekly flight will be introduced on the South Atlantic route. The Central American route's frequency will be doubled. A special effort to provide more services within Europe will result in ten flights daily being operated on the Paris-London route and 21 weekly to Zurich and Geneva.

The delivery of the additional Super Constellations will enable these aircraft to take over certain services hitherto operated by Constellations. The latter will then replace some of Air France's DC-4's. It is expected that the company will have a few DC-4's and Constellations for sale once the additional Super Constellations have been received.

The U.S. Coast Guard in fiscal 1956 will again operate six ocean weather stations (four in the Atlantic and two in the Pacific, with financing provided by the Defence Department). President Eisenhower's budget message shows. Eighteen cutters will be used to keep the six stations operative to provide weather data and perform search and rescue operations.

For fiscal 1955, the Defence Department provided the financing of 5-2/3 stations but a subsequent ICAO agreement in January 1954 established the U.S. contribution at six stations.

Australian National Airways was to get its two DC-6B's on February 1 and March 1. The forward cabin will be used for freight and 59 passengers will be accommodated in the main cabin.

French independent TAI obtained an average daily utilisation of 11 hours 12 minutes from its DC-6B fleet in 1954.

Seaboard and Western Airlines reports that 1954 revenue ton miles of airfreight hauled reached 10,066,231, exceeding the amount hauled in 1953 by over five million ton miles. In and out of New York International Airport, the line carried 3,758,000 pounds, while system-wide the total carried was 4,591,024 pounds.

A General Mills-Ryan flight recorder is being installed in a KLM Lockheed L-748A Constellation for testing on the Amsterdam-Dakar route. The other is to be tested by French independent TAI in a DC-6B in service between Paris and Abidjan. Air France and SABENA have also expressed interest in testing the recorder.

Air Courier Service Corp., Washington, D.C., is the export representative for the General Mills-Ryan recorder.

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## BRITISH STEEL OUTPUT

### Industry Aiming At 19½ Million Tons This Year

By HUGH CHEVINS

London, Feb. 2.

Britain's steel industry aims at a record output in 1955 of 19,250,000 to 19,500,000 tons. Hopes that the target will be hit are well founded.

Although figures are not yet complete, there is little doubt that the 1954 objective of 18,500,000 tons has been reached, as was that of 1953, when 17,600,000 tons were produced.

### World Cotton Markets

New York, Feb. 2. Cotton prices today held on an even keel around previous closing levels.

In slow dealings, the list backed and filled within a narrow range, but maintained an overall level of steadiness most of the time.

Closing around the day's highs, the list finished 4 to 7 points higher. Opening prices were off 1 to 2 points. New Orleans closed up 5 to 10 points.

Technicians said the stability appeared to reflect an absence of selling pressure rather than any concerted demand.

Sellers held back pending Formosa development and the weekly report on loan entries, scheduled for issuance after the close.

Conversely, buyers marked time pending Washington developments on far legislation dealing with price supports and acreage controls for the new crop or some news from the textile trade and spot cotton markets.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
Mar.	21,000	88,000
May	22,000	1,175,000
July	18,200	604,600
Sept.	8,200	256,400
Nov.	3,100	136,600
Dec.	2,800	74,900
Jan.	2,800	71,200
Feb.	200	900
Total	92,100	2,953,000 bales

### NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.10a
March	34.95
July	35.10
October	35.20
March	35.21
May	35.30
July	35.37
October	35.40

### NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.30
March	34.01
May	34.05
July	35.10
October	35.22
December	35.23
March	35.23
May	35.30
July	35.43

### LIVERPOOL

Prices of futures, American middling, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. closed as follows:

Mar./Apr.	32.33
May/June	32.34
July/Aug.	32.34
Oct./Nov.	32.37
Dec./Jan.	32.37
Official values for spot cottons include:	
American middling 15/16 inch	32.88
American B. L. middling 7/8 inch	32.71
Indian 16/16 inch	32.71
Others were unchanged.	

### SAO PAULO

Futures, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Mar.	89.50
May	89.30
July	89.25
Oct.	89.25
Dec.	89.40

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 inch middling cotton at ten designated spot markets was 34.81 cents. Sales at the centres totalled 17,344 bales.

### KARACHI

The market was weak today. It touched the low level during the day when a leading party declared tender and was being unable to meet market clearing.

Prices in rupees per maund as follows:

4-7 Spind roller-ginned	67.5
4-7 Spind, roller-ginned	72.5
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Immediately before and during the last war, production averaged about 13 million tons annually. Since 1946, when the industry's post-war expansion programme was announced, production has risen by nearly six million tons.

The British Iron and Steel Federation says in a statement in 1955 prospects, issued recently, that if the estimated output is realised this year, "the industry should be more than able to meet the requirement of 21 million tons estimated some years ago for 1957-8."

### HIGHER OUTPUT

I understand that plans are already being considered for creating a vast new plant to provide capacity for an output even higher than that projected for 1957-8. The plant would probably be one of the largest in the world.

Its cost would be at least £100 million, the largest sum ever spent on a single unit. Discussions are at the preliminary stage, timing has to be carefully considered and no site has yet been chosen.

In its statement, the Federation said the intense demand

for steel, which reflects the extreme pressure on the capital goods industries, is but one indication of the buoyant conditions now prevailing in the British national economy.

The 1954 output would have been higher but for a mechanical breakdown on the north-east coast, and the unofficial strike of coke-oven workers that brought the great plant at Margam, South Wales, almost to a standstill in July.

### DEEP-MINED COAL

Britain's deep-mined coal output objective of five million tons more in 1954 than in 1953 will not be reached. The Ministry of Fuel and Power said that in the first 51 weeks of the year production amounted to 210,774,200 tons, against the required 216,800,000 tons.

Thus, in the last week of the coal year, more than six million tons are required to hit the target. This is clearly impossible. Average weekly output so far has been about 4,130,000 tons.

### New York Sugar Market

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed net changes with sales of 51 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to off 2 points with sales of 160 contracts.

World futures held steady on small trade buying.

Dealers were informed harvest of the 1955 Cuban sugar crop is well underway with 85 out of 101 mills now grinding. Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (world) 3.18  
Mar. 3.18  
May 3.18  
July 3.18  
Sept. 3.18  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 3.17  
Open interest: 3,538 contracts.

Contract No. 6 5.44  
Mar. 5.44  
May 5.44  
July 5.44  
Sept. 5.44  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 8 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 10 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 12 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 14 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 16 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 18 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 20 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 22 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 24 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 26 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 28 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
Sept. 5.47  
Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 30 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
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Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 32 5.47  
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Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 34 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
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Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 36 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
July 5.47  
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Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

Contract No. 38 5.47  
Mar. 5.47  
May 5.47  
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Spot (cents per lb. FOB Cuba) 5.40  
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Contract No. 40 5.47  
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Open interest: 2,410 contracts.

### Oil Slick Off England

London, Feb. 2. Britain ordered ships and planes today to chart the extent and movements of an oil slick that has killed thousands of sea birds and killed resort beaches in Germany and Denmark.

The oil, spreading across the North Sea, reached the waters of England yesterday.

The British trawler Federation said that inshore fishing grounds were endangered.—United Press.

### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$788,080. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS  
HSK Bank 2080 4 of 2085  
4 of 2100

INSURANCES  
Union 145 055  
Lombard 10 20  
Underwriters 10 20

SHIPPING  
Waterfront 20 20  
Aala Nav 70c

DOCKS, ETC.  
K. Wharf 25 20  
Dock 25 20  
Provident (O) 14 50 480 of 15 30  
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Wheeleck 7 10 7 20 800 of 7 10  
1000 of 7 10

LAND, ETC.  
HSK Hotel 10 40 2000 of 15 30  
HSK Land 7 08 700 of 08  
Hampden 25 20  
Healy 2

UTILITIES  
Tram 20 80 21 10 450 of 21 20  
1000 of 21 20  
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Star Ferry 153 150 150 of 153  
Yau-nai 180 550 of 180  
50 of 181

C. Light (O) 17 00 1000 of 17 00  
C. Light (N) 14 20 850 of 14 20  
Electric 30 30 37 1500 of 37 15  
700 of 37 15

Telephone 22 33 1100 of 22 33

INDUSTRIALS  
Cement 41 41 1500 of 41 41

STORES, ETC.  
Dairy 23 30 23 30 400 of 23 30  
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Annie Gets A Medical

FOR half-an-hour, the two detectives watched the bird-like little woman as she pecked at the counters in the chain-store, helping herself to what took her fancy—a packet of biscuits, a shoe-polisher, a tablet of soap, some breakfast cereal, a tube of toothpaste.

They studied her method of stealing, and noted how, as she approached each counter, she held out a little hand in which was a silver coin or a purse, as if she meant to buy. So armed the little wife to steal.

Outside the store the detectives went up to the woman whose name was Annie.

TO BETTER HAVE HELP  
THEY put it to her that she had been stealing.

"I'm not aware that I have stolen anything," Annie snapped.

"These things in your bag."

Everything in my bag I have paid for," Annie snapped.

But the police were not satisfied. Annie was taken to the police station. There, when she was charged, she said, "I feel that I paid for everything. If I haven't, you better get me some help, some mental help."

She repeated that at Bow Street next morning, when she was charged with stealing before Mr. Bertram Reece. Mr. Reece heard the evidence.

#### USUAL ROUTINE

ANNIE, a slip of a woman, 37 years old, dark and still very much on her dignity, went into the witness-box. She said that she lived in the north of London, was single and worked as an usherette at a cinema.

"I just went shopping usual routine," she said.

"What is 'usual routine'?" the magistrate inquired.

"Shopping to buy the things you need," Annie answered.

"But stealing."

"I'm not aware that I stole anything yesterday."

IRRESISTIBLE

"WELL, what was the process by which these goods became yours?" Mr. Reece asked, with a glance at the goods laid out on the ledge of the witness-box.

"I feel that I paid for them," Annie said. "If I didn't, I must ask you for medical advice. I've been feeling a little lost, off and on, for the last two years."

"But you are able to work?"

"Yes, but I work in the cinema at the cinema. I particularly asked the manager not to let me partake of anything that could confuse me."

"I'm afraid the evidence is irresistible," said the magistrate. He turned again to the policeman who had arrested Annie.

REQUEST GRANTED

"DO you know anything about this neurotic state that she has been talking about?" he asked.

"No, sir," the officer said. "It seems to have developed this morning. Yesterday, she was most defiant. She has been in her present job for the last two years, earning £4 a week."

"Excuse me," Annie interrupted. "May I say something?"

"Yes," the magistrate said. "I feel I paid for these things."

"I shall remind you," said the magistrate, "for a mental and physical report. That seems to be what you want."

"Better so, sir," Annie said. She went away contented, and outside they explained to her that the medical attention she felt she needed would be given in the hospital block at Holloway prison.

#### Post Office Sale

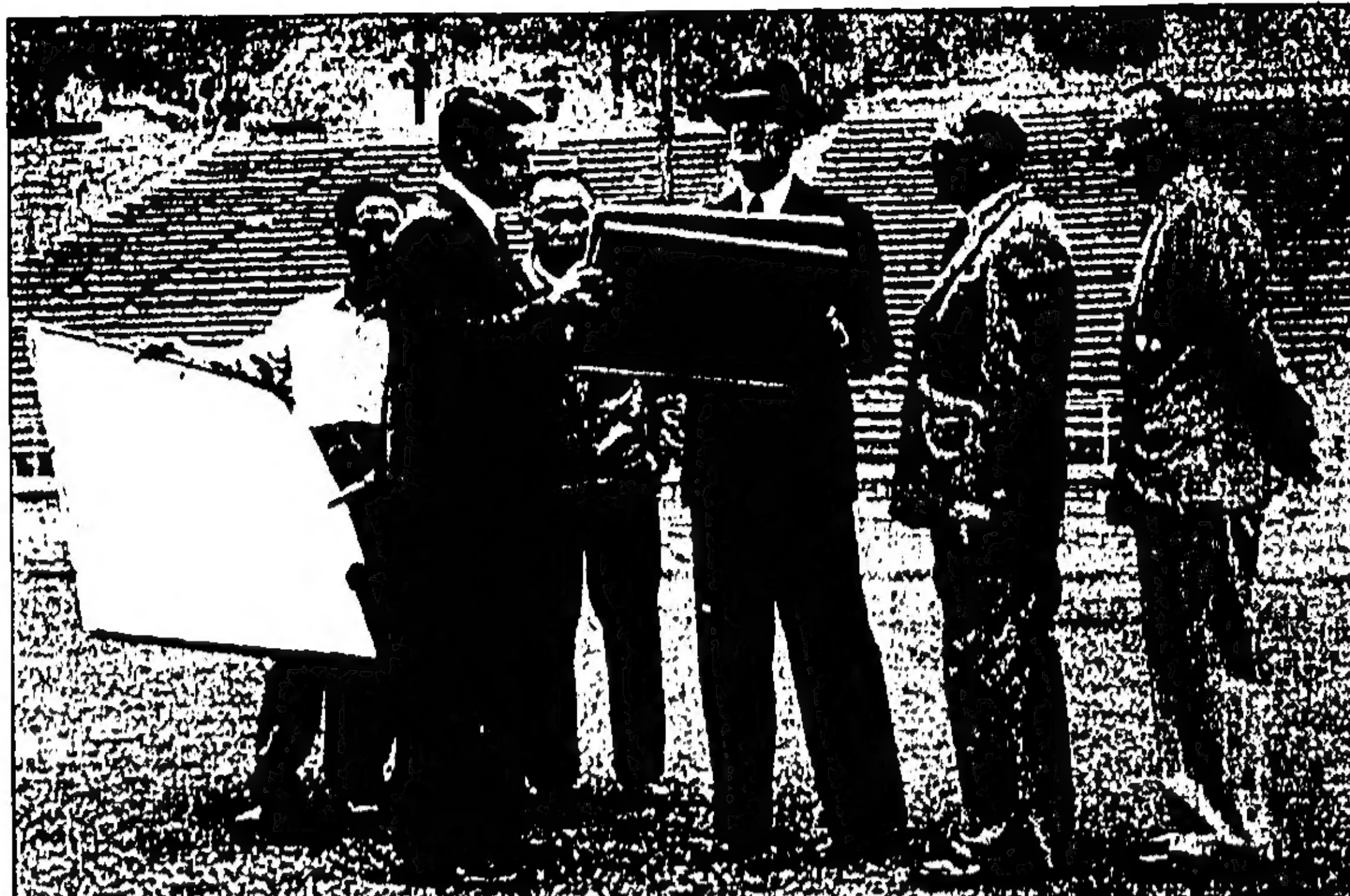
London, Feb. 2.  
Stamps are not all the Post Office sells.

Every three months, the London Returned Letter Branch puts up for sale about 2½ tons of pipe bends, elbows, sockets, rods and bolts.

These small, but heavy, items are found loose in the sorting offices where they have dropped out of badly packed parcels.

Some of the stuff which the Post Office finds itself selling are door and window fittings, band saws and hack saw blades—China Mail Special.

## H.E. Inspects Stadium Construction



### Libel Action Settled Out Of Court

A libel action brought by Senator Pierre Bertaux, a former Director-General of the French Surete Nationale—France's Scotland Yard—against a British newspaper group has been settled out of court, it was announced here today.

The newspapers include the London Express Newspapers Limited, publishers of the Daily Express and the Sunday Express, among others.

The libel action arose out of accusations made against Senator Bertaux during the trial of persons charged with robbing the Begum, Aga Khan, of jewellery worth £200,000 near Cannes in 1949.

Counsel for Senator Bertaux said that in July, 1953, during the trial of some of the ringleaders for one of the accused made accusations against him.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Test Cricket

Sir,—Following the first Test match, which was of course lost by England, you published in your columns a severe and most scathing attack on Hutton and his team. Despite the fact that England won the second Test, you again published an even more scathing diatribe against Hutton and his team, presumably from the same unnamed contributor and arm-chair critic.

This gentleman had the temerity to forget that if the weather remained fine for the third Test at Melbourne, as it did, Hutton would need a first innings lead of "at least" six hundred runs to have a chance of winning.

The fourth Test is past and satisfactory history for English cricket and your contributor was again confounded.

The least one would have expected would have been a further article from this gentleman with one would imagine, a withdrawal or at least an amende honorable. But No, Sir, never a breath! One can only think that he was left, biting his nails, in the hopeful anticipation that England would lose the fourth Test at Adelaide and, eventually the fifth and that he would then be able to pour even more bitter scorn upon Hutton and his men.

Apart from the fact that I doubt the qualifications of anyone in Hongkong to provide criticisms of this kind on cricket, the bitterness of these uninformed comments is scarcely in tradition with a game which the name "Cricket" has made the epitome of sportsmanship.

The fourth Test at Adelaide is over and to the utter confusion of your contributor, England has won and also has won the Ashes—with a match in hand. It remains now to be seen whether, in your column of daily Commentary, your contributor is going to make the abject apology due from him—or whether he is going to crouch back into the furthest recesses of his arm-chair.

SILLYPOINT.  
[The contributor referred to in the above letter has been invited to make his reply.—Editor, China Mail.]

### Governor Sees Public Works Under Way

The main construction work of the 28,500-seat stadium at Sookunpoo is expected to finish in May and the stadium should be ready for use when the football season opens this year, officials of the Public Works Department declared this morning.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by the Hon. T. L. Bowring, Director of Public Works, visited the site this morning and inspected the various aspects of the construction in progress.

The Governor spent about half an hour at the stadium where he was met and briefed by Mr. J. J. Robson, Mr. W. L. Bell, and Mr. G. P. Northing, Acting Chief Engineer, engineer, and architect respectively of the PWD.

The international-size football field, measuring 120 yards by 80 yards, is near completion. Encircling the field is a seven-lane 450-metre cinder running track.

In the course of blasting, more rocks have been encountered at the site of the stadium than anticipated. This is one of the construction problems and the main cause for the delay, PWD officials said.

#### NEW ROAD

Earlier, the Governor visited other public works projects in the Causeway Bay area.

Arriving with Mr. Bowring at Yee Woo Street outside Rocky Theatre shortly after 8 a.m., His Excellency was met by Mr. W. T. Knight, PWD engineer, who explained the road construction work now being undertaken at the junction of Yee Woo Street and Causeway Road.

This was followed by a visit to the nearly-completed Victoria Park. There His Excellency abandoned his limousine for a convertible and, having met Mr. A. M. J. Wright, Chief Architect, Mr. J. R. Whitaker, engineer, Mr. A. Polling, Inspector of Works, and Mr. H. Sobey, Clerk of Works, made a tour of the length and breadth of the Park.

### MENZIES TO VISIT FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 2.  
The Australian Premier, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, today accepted an official invitation to visit France on his way back from the London Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in mid-February.

He will have talks with the French Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister—France-Press.

### TROOPS RETURN FROM LEAVE

A group of about 100 Gurkha troops of the Hongkong Garrison returned from leave in the SS Sirdhana from India this morning.

The troops comprised members of the 2/2 and 2/7 Gurkha Rifles and the Gurkha Signal. Several brought with them their wives and children.

### Prisoners Freed

Twenty-one officers and men of the Nationalist Chinese army, captured on Yikiangshan Island, were released yesterday by the Chinese Communist army on the Chekiang front, the New China News Agency said tonight.—Reuter.

ILLUSTRATION: A group of men in military uniforms are shown in a line, possibly receiving orders or being inspected. The style is a simple line drawing.

Summary: 6.30, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Adelson (Studio); 6.50, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.05, Commentary (London Relay); 7.15, The Commonwealth Conference presented by the Rev. Gladstone Professor of Government and Public Administration at Oxford University, reflects on the constitutional aspects of the conference (London Relay); 7.30, James Stewart interviewed by Donald Brooks (recorded); 7.40, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra; 8, Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. 30, Quilly Party; 8.15, Paper of Experts solves a problem, set by Edward J. Mason; No. 1—The Quilly Sign; 8.30, Sports Review (Studio); 8.45, At the Opera; 9, La Scala; 9.15, The Quilly Sign; 9.30, The Quilly Sign; 9.45, The Quilly Sign; 10, The Quilly Sign; 10.15, The Quilly Sign; 10.30, The Quilly Sign; 10.45, The Quilly Sign; 11, The Quilly Sign; 11.15, The Quilly Sign; 11.30, The Quilly Sign; 11.45, The Quilly Sign; 12, The Quilly Sign; 12.15, The Quilly Sign; 12.30, The Quilly Sign; 12.45, The Quilly Sign; 1, The Quilly Sign; 1.15, The Quilly Sign; 1.30, The Quilly Sign; 1.45, The Quilly Sign; 2, The Quilly Sign; 2.15, The Quilly Sign; 2.30, The Quilly Sign; 2.45, The Quilly Sign; 3, The Quilly Sign; 3.15, The Quilly Sign; 3.30, The Quilly Sign; 3.45, The Quilly Sign; 4, The Quilly Sign; 4.15, The Quilly Sign; 4.30, The Quilly Sign; 4.45, The Quilly Sign; 5, The Quilly Sign; 5.15, The Quilly Sign; 5.30, The Quilly Sign; 5.45, The Quilly Sign; 6, The Quilly Sign; 6.15, The Quilly Sign; 6.30, The Quilly Sign; 6.45, The Quilly Sign; 7, The Quilly Sign; 7.15, The Quilly Sign; 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